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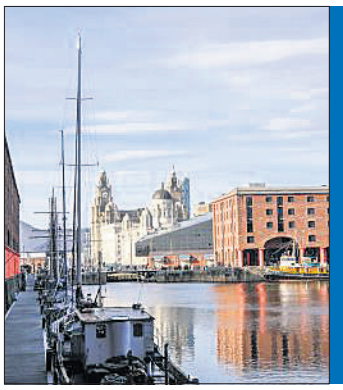

Steam on the Dock: Great prizes up for grabs!

Former Ormskirk Scout leader jailed for child sex abuse

Michael Creagh

A FORMER scout leader jailed for sexually abusing three boys had previously been imprisoned for molesting boys while he was a priest, a court heard.

79-year-old John Michael Creagh was in charge of the 37th Ormskirk St Anne's Scout Group when he abused the young scouts in the 1970s.

After he left Ormskirk he was ordained as a priest and became deputy house master at Douai Abbey School in Berkshire, a boarding school run by Benedictine monks.

He was jailed in 1992 for nine months after admitting that while working there he committed an offence of gross indecency and two of indecent assault after targeting a 12-year-old boy.

Sentencing him to four years imprisonment on Tuesday (May 3), Judge Norman Wright told Creagh, now of Douglas Drive, Wigan: "For your own selfish sexual desires you have cast a blight over the lives of some of those boys.

"This was a gross breach of trust. You were the scoutmaster charged with the welfare of the young scouts in your care and you totally abused that position."

Judge Wright said Creagh had carried out the offences against the boys for his own sexual gratification. "Your conduct has had a profound affect on them and relationships that they sought to enter into in their adult lives.

"One cannot help but be moved when I read about the predicament that they found themselves in - you the scoutmaster in a position of trust, behaving that way, and they could not say," he said.

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FUEL COMPANY TO SEARCH FOR OIL IN WEST LANCS

A GAS and oil exploration company is undertaking a four to six-week geophysical survey in West Lancashire and Sefton with the aim of applying for planning permission for exploratory drilling for fracking in the area in the future.

Report by **Danielle Thompson**

Ian Roche, managing director of Aurora, wrote to Halsall Parish Council clerk Dave Bond last week to confirm that the company is planning to carry out a 3D geophysical survey over part of the 100-kilometre square area for which it holds a petroleum exploration and development licence from the Department of Energy and Climate Change.

The survey will be held in the area shown on the accompanying map, which covers Aughton, Haskayne, up to the border of Halsall, Formby, Great Altcar, Hightown, Ince Blundell, Little Crosby, Thornton, Maghull and Lydiate. This is just part of the full area for which the company has a licence.

As the survey is covered under the Town and Country Planning Order, it does not require planning permission. However, if the survey confirms the possibility of oil, the company plans to seek permission to drill a number of exploratory wells.

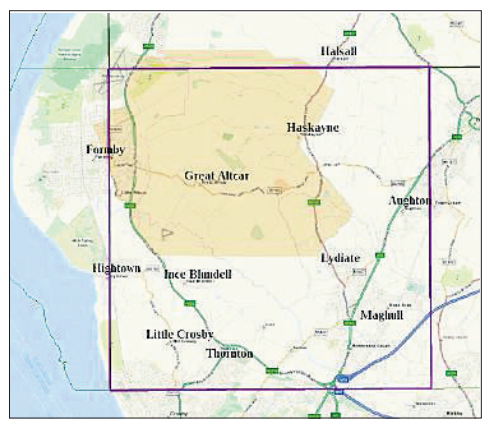
Shale oil and gas exploration typically requires fracking, a controversial technique which includes drilling down into the earth before a high-pressure water and chemical mixture is directed at the rock to release the gas inside. Opponents of the process have raised fears about groundwater contamination, gas pollution and chemical use and suggest that funding should instead be redirected into renewable resources.

Ian Roche said: "Aurora drilled two shallow boreholes on the site of the old Formby oilfield on Downholland Moss, West Lancashire in 2012. Planning permission for these wells was granted by Lancashire County Council in May 2011.

"We now plan to carry out a 3D geophysical survey over part of the licence area. The data will be used to progress our technical understanding of the licence area, prior to making any application for future exploratory drilling.

"Acquisition of the survey involves the laying out of an array of geophones (recording devices) across the survey area and the recording of reflected signals generated from an array of seismic sources.

"The sources are generated by small buried charges or by specialised tractor-like vehicles fitted with vibrating plates. Should the results of the survey prove to be encouraging, it is likely that we will subsequently seek planning permission to drill a number of exploratory wells."



Aurora's geophysical survey area

Maureen Mills from local campaign group Halsall Against Fracking said: "We've been aware of Aurora's plans since 2014 and understand that

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World expert at Edge Hill to mark Day of Midwife

EDGE Hill University played host to a leading expert in midwifery and women's health to celebrate the International Day of the Midwife on Thursday, May 5.

Dame Tina Lavender visited the Ormskirk campus last Friday (April 29) to talk about changing global agendas in relation to maternal health.

A regular advisor to the World Health Organisation, Dame Tina Lavender is professor of midwifery and director of the centre for global women's health at the University of Manchester. She is also co-editor in chief of the British Journal of Midwifery, associate editor of the African Journal of Midwifery and Women's Health, editor of the Pregnancy and Childbirth Group of the Cochrane Collaboration and on the editorial team of the British Journal of Obstetrics and Gynaecology.

Edge Hill's head of midwifery, Catherine McEvilly, said: "The International Confederation of Midwives focus for celebrating International Day of the Midwife in 2016 is 'Women and Newborns: The Heart of Midwifery'.

"At Edge Hill the undergraduate midwifery programme enables students to understand the importance of an international focus to ensure women and newborns receive the quality care that they deserve. Professor Lavender's focus will strengthen student midwives' appreciation of the importance of midwifery care on a global basis."

Edge Hill has a number of students who have participated in elective placements in countries such as Ghana, Tanzania, Canada, America, India, New Zealand and Australia to gain an understanding about how midwifery practice and conditions for women differs around the world.

Lesley Briscoe, the university's lead for midwifery research & enterprise, added: "International Day of the Midwife is a celebration of midwives' achievements and dedication around the world that aims to acknowledge experts in the field, and promote midwifery as a rewarding career. As a leader in her field, it was an honour to host Professor Dame Tina Lavender who shared stories and observations that will inspire the next generation."

Professor Dame Tina Lavender

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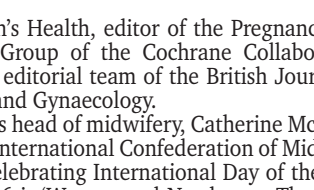

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Hospital bus stop restored to 3A route

Decision reversed after MP raises residents' concerns

Report by **Henry James**

WEST Lancs MP Rosie Cooper has welcomed the news that Wrightington Hospital will be restored as a stop on the 3A bus route following residents' concerns.

The 3A was one of the subsidised bus routes withdrawn following due to the impact of government cuts to local council budgets.

The service was partially saved in Lancashire County Council's £2 million reallocation of funding to protect vital local public transport services.

The 3A served West Lancashire communities, passing through Ormskirk, Burscough Newbugh, Parbold, Skelmersdale, Up Holland, Roby Mill, Appley Bridge and Wrightington. Under the revised partial route the service would no longer stop at Wrightington Hospital.

The MP raised residents' concerns with Lancashire County Council on the exclusion of Wrightington Hospital.

In response the county council wrote to her, stating: "We are intending to make some amendments to the new network of services after a period of operation and customer input will be vital to these adjustments.

"One of the revisions will be to restore Wrightington Hospital as part of the route of the current 3A bus service."

Ms Cooper said: "For many West Lancashire residents of all ages local bus services are a vital lifeline to enable them to go about their day-to-day lives, whether getting to school, college, work, to the hospital, or to visit friends or go to the shops.

Rosie Cooper

"I am delighted by Lancashire County Council's willingness to listen and to act in restoring Wrightington Hospital to the 3A bus service route.

"This decision will make a real difference to many people in being able to attend hospital appointments or to visit family or friends at the hospital."

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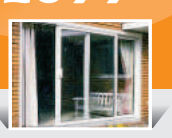

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Bowlers devasted by vandal attack on club

Report by **Danielle Thompson**

MEMBERS of a bowling club in Aughton have been left devastated after vandals caused hundreds of pounds of damage by breaking fence panels, splashing paint over their tool shed and green and using motorbikes to destroy the grass.

Jack McLean, a member of Cockbeck Bowling Club, which is sited on land next to Cockbeck Tavern on Town Green Lane, said that he found the damage, which is estimated to be around £500 to 600, last Thursday (April 28).

A group of vandals are believed to have smashed the fencing around the green and broken into the club's tool shed sometime between late evening on Wednesday, April 27 and 7pm the following evening.

They then took tins of paint out which are used to paint the edge of the green and splashed it all over the grass, shed, clubhouse and flagging before playing football and golf and driving motorcycles over the green.

Jack said that he saw youths playing football on the green on the Wednesday and chased them off. And he believes that they could be the ones who later vandalised the club.

He said: "We are absolutely devastated. We had three big tins of paint in the club hut that we were going to use for painting the edges of the green and the yobs have got hold of them and splashed paint everywhere.

"Some of our small hand tools have been stolen and part of the door and the lock were broken when they smashed into the tool shed.

"They have pushed past and moved other things in the shed to get to the paint, so we know that they were deliberately going out of their way to cause damage.

Club members Jack McLean and Paul Lea survey the damage and vandalism at the bowling green and tool shed

"There is evidence that whoever did it has been hanging around smoking as well, there are butts all over the place and empty cans left lying around.

"They have been deliberately using anything they can think of to wreck the green. It has marks from motorbike tyres on it and golf clubs have been used on it too, big chunks of it have been destroyed.

"It is so frustrating as we will have to spend so much on repairing the fencing and having it fitted.

"Although the club has around 50 members, we try our best to keep the subs down and that will only come to around £300, meaning we will have to fundraise the other half and will have no funds for any extra activities this year.

"The grass will grow back but it will take time and we will not be able to play until it has grown back either, which is frustrating.

"Some youths were seen running off as some club members arrived on Thursday. We don't think that they were expecting to be interrupted and I think they would have stolen more tools and equipment if they hadn't been interrupted. We have moved the club's equipment to a safer location now."

A spokesperson for Lancashire Constabulary said that an investigation into the incident is ongoing and that they are appealing for information.

Anyone with information can call the police on 101 or Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555111.

If you would like to help the club to fundraise to restore the green, or if you would like to join, call Jack on 01695 579770.

Fuel company to search for oil in West Lancs

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some landowners have not granted permission to acquire the survey on their land.

"We await a response from the Department of Energy and Climate Change which is due on Wednesday (May 4) to see if permission has been granted by the Secretary of State to allow the contractors to access their land without permission.

"We're monitoring the timescale carefully – they have to have the six-week survey completed by August 15 so they only have eight weeks in which to work with the public on a consultation beforehand. We will be holding a peaceful protest on the site as well."

Haulage heritage recalled

A HISTORY group are holding a talk on Burscough hauliers at Burscough Wharf on Monday, May 9.

The talk will be given at the next Burscough Heritage Group meeting starting at 7.30pm at the Blue Mallard restaurant and presented by guest speaker David Rimmer.

Heritage group member, Colin Wareing, said: "In 1771 the main road from Liverpool to Preston, through Burscough was turned into a Turnpike trust with tolls being levied to improve the road. This road was eventually improved, metalled and topped with tarmac to become the A59 we know today.

"With the coming of the internal combustion engine transport firms such as Thomas Guy's and Harry Hague's, and firms using their own lorries such as Ainscough corn millers were established within the village and surrounding areas of Burscough.

"We are proud to host a presentation telling the stories of the hauliers of Burscough by David Rimmer. Mr Rimmer was lead mechanic at Hague's for four-and-a-half years in the 1960s and 70s and has amassed a great collection of images and stories to show and tell."

One of the old Ainscough wagons which used to ply their trade from Burscough

Entrance will cost a £2 donation. For more information, call Colin on 07931 356204.

Former Ormskirk Scout leader jailed for child sex abuse

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Liverpool Crown Court heard that Creagh had been a "highly regarded individual within the community" and "ingratiated himself" into the families of the children he molested.

He indecently assaulted three scouts aged between 13 and 16 when he was in his 30s.

David Potter, prosecuting, said Creagh first grabbed the first scout inappropriately over his clothing when he was around 13 and they were alone in the scout hut.

Creagh then followed up on his attacks at his then home in St Helens Road, Ormskirk, showing the boy pornographic magazines and touching him sexually.

The victim did not report Creagh to his parents as he did not think he would be believed, later telling police: "You can't tell anyone and you have to live your life with it."

Mr Potter said: "Although some 40 years ago, he said there has hardly been a day when he hasn't thought about the times when this defendant did this to him."

Creagh took the second boy on a camping holiday in Wales, when the victim thought other children would be present, but ended up sharing a tent with just Creagh.

The pervert had a stash of pornography with him and asked the victim "whether he was a bad boy" before sexually assaulting him.

The court heard the frightened teenager spent the rest of the night wrapped tightly in his sleeping bag trying to fend off Creagh but felt too embarrassed to tell anyone.

The paedophile attacked the third scout after grooming him by buying him records and a watch and taking him to the cinema.

He sexually assaulted the victim after asking him to help out at the scout hut on Saturday afternoons, touching him inappropriately while touching himself.

The court heard how the boy has undergone counselling as an adult and said every relationship he has had was "ruined" as he struggled to be intimate.

Creagh made no comment when arrested and interviewed last year, but pleaded guilty to five charges of indecent assault.

After he left Ormskirk he was ordained as a priest and became deputy house master at Douai Abbey School where he abused a 12-year-old boy.

David Watson, defending, said Creagh was then sent on an eight-month residential sex offenders course, run by the Roman Catholic church.

He said Creagh had carried out good work in the community, but accepted this was overshadowed by his crimes.

Mr Watson said both Creagh and those who supported him, including his boyfriend in the public gallery, would say his remorse was genuine.

Craggy was ordered to sign the Sex Offenders Register for life and imposed an indefinite Sexual Harm Prevention Order and barred him from working with children.

Chance to have a go with a bow!

FANCY trying your hand at archery? Well, now's your chance.

Burscough Archers will be holding their annual 'Have-a-Go Day' on Saturday, May 7 offering members of the public the chance to try out the sport. The free event will run from 11am to 3pm at Asmall Lane Livery Stables, Asmall Lane, Ormskirk.

Club chairman, Kevin Green, said: "The event gives people a chance to try their hand at archery, which is a great sport for all the family, from eight to 80!

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Report by **Ollie Cowan**

A CAMPAIGN to save rail links between Southport and West Lancashire and Manchester Picadilly has been given a boost after it received cross-party support at a meeting of Sefton Council.

Although rare for members on either side of the chamber to agree on a motion, councillors from both Labour and Lib Dems gave their backing to one by Southport councillor Marianne Welsh which called on Arriva Rail North to rethink the potential cuts to the direct service between the resort and the city centre – a popular route for both tourists and commuters.

The route also takes passengers to and from Manchester Airport.

Under Arriva's plans many towns and cities are promised new and expanded direct services to Manchester Piccadilly and Manchester Airport.

This recognises the importance of Manchester as the main driver of the North West economy and the significance of the airport both for outbound business travel and inbound tourist travel.

However, Southport and Wigan - and stations in between in West Lancs - will lose a direct service into these destinations under Arriva's plans.

This has caused a great deal of unrest and a campaign, entitled 'Go To Picadilly' has been set up by the Southport Rail Transport Forum (SRTF) and the Ormskirk Preston Southport Travellers' Association (OPSTA), was launched soon after the news broke.

A key figure in getting cross-party support for the Cllr. Welsh's motion was Linacre ward Councillor Gordon Friel, acting chair of Merseytravel, who added a number of important amendments to the motion pressing Arriva Rail North to introduce shorter journey times and electrification.

Rail campaigners meet at Southport station

As a result of this motion, Sefton's chief executive, Margaret Carney, will now write to Arriva Rail North, Liverpool City Region Combined Authority, Transport for Greater Manchester, Rail North and the Department for Transport strongly urging the plans to axe the Piccadilly and airport service to be reconsidered

Vital

OPSTA, who along with SRTF are running the Go To Piccadilly campaign, are delighted with the news.

Chair, Alan Fantom, said: "I am very pleased Sefton MBC recognises the vital importance of this rail connection for Sefton and the north of the Liverpool City Region.

"The commitment to taking positive action will be very influential in getting the right outcome, the retention and subsequent improvement of this well-used service.

"We still have a fight to get the plan reversed and the continued support and voice of the travelling public is essential. The petitioning by rail users to date has already got the transport authorities thinking."

Southport MP, John Pugh, who has been working to improve transport links from Southport to West Lancashire and is supporting the campaign run by SRTF and OPSTA, said: "It's good news to hear opposing political forces on the council recognising the importance of the issues at stake here.

"In the race to enhance connections between city regions, Sefton appears to have been forgotten about in the dialogue between Manchester and Liverpool.

"In order for Sefton to thrive we need all parts of the borough to feel the benefits as central government devolves power to the city regions.

"Arriva really needs to start listening to the people of Sefton, particularly in the north of the borough who travel outside of Sefton for their living, education or business."

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Pals aims to breathe new life into historic canalside pub

Report by **Danielle Thompson**

TWO childhood friends are bringing a historic West Lancashire pub back to life - with long-term plans to turn the top floor into a boutique bed and breakfast.

Gavin Williams, 29, from Bispham and James Kennedy, from Croston, are aiming to launch the Old Packet House pub in Liverpool Road North, Burscough with a reopening event on Friday, May 27.

The pair, who both went to Richard Durnings Endowed Primary School in Bispham, Bishop Rawstorne Academy and Runshaw College together, already run a cocktail bar in Manchester.

Formerly known as the Packet House Inn, the pub is more than 240 years old. It was built in 1775, around the time that the Liverpool section of the Leeds-Liverpool canal was completed and was originally named The Bridge Inn due to its closeness to the canal bridge built to carry the turnpike road (now the A59) over the canal.

Once the canal opened, parcel-carrying passenger boats, known as 'packet boats' began running between Liverpool and Wigan. The inn, sited at the junction of the canal and the turnpike road, was an important staging post for weary passengers, who could stay over or transfer to the stagecoach, as well as being popular with canal workers.

In the 1830s, the name was changed to the Packet House Hotel after the boats, although they were soon to be eclipsed by first rail and then road transport.

Over the next 150 years, the pub was renamed a number of times including a spell as The Grapes, Packet House Hotel and Admiral Lord Nelson, before being changed back to the Packet House Inn.

Gavin (left) and James check out their refurbishment plans at the Old Packet House

Gavin and James are currently in the process of redecorating the Packet House Inn and they are hoping to combine the contemporary feel of their Manchester bar with a rustic country-pub feel – plus a bit of 'boaty' décor celebrating the pub's canal history.

They also plan to develop the top floor of the pub in around three years into a boutique B&B.

Gavin said: "The pub had a bit of a reputation as a bit of a boozy pub but we are planning to reopen it as a family-friendly pub serving food and we have invested a substantial amount in giving it a completely different feel.

"We have been working on redecorating it for four weeks so far and we are hoping to have it finished by the end of the month.

"We are hoping to give it the feel of a country pub, with a bit of a twist. We will be playing on the canal theme with a bit of 'boaty' décor and using barge boards to present the food but it will be a more subtle, underlying theme.

"The pub will be managed by David Anderson, who used to run The Windmill Hotel in Parbold.

"We love the area and having grown up in West Lancs, we were really keen to run a pub here. "We know Burscough very well and we have always loved this beautiful pub right on the stunning Leeds-Liverpool canal.

"It desperately needs a new lease of life and that's what we are going to give it. "Burscough is a great little village and now is absolutely the right time to bring this stunning pub back to life."

Ready, steady, Ainsley to open flower show

CELEBRITY chef Ainsley Harriott is to bring his barbecue to the seaside this summer to fire up the 2016 Southport Flower Show.

Ainsley will open the annual show before showcasing the culinary skills which have made him one of Britain's best-loved TV cooks.

He has starred in a string of popular TV shows, including Ainsley's Barbecue Bible, Ready Steady Cook and, over the last year, Ainsley Harriott's Street Food and Len & Ainsley's Big Food Adventure. He also threw some memorable shapes on the dancefloor when he appeared in the most recent series of Strictly Come Dancing.

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Healthy lifestyle project launched in borough

by **Henry James**

A NEW project to encourage people to lose weight and live a more active and healthy lifestyle has been launched in West Lancashire.

Commissioned by Lancashire County Council, the Active Lives and Healthy Weight service has begun operating in the borough and will be introduced across the county in the coming weeks.

The service will focus on tackling obesity, encouraging people to manage their weight and also helping them become more physically active.

Delivered in partnership with district councils, NHS organisations and other groups, it will target those in most need of support who meet the criteria for the scheme. People can self-refer or be referred by GPs and other health and leisure professionals.

Sakthi Karunanithi, director of public health for Lancashire, said: "Obesity is one of the biggest preventable causes of early death, alongside smoking. In this scheme there will be specific programmes tailored to suit people's needs.

"Participants will learn about the best approaches to weight loss and about the factors that have caused them to gain weight in the first place.

"Statistics also show that only 56% of adults across Lancashire are achieving the recommended two-and-a-half hours of moderate to vigorous intensity physical activity each week, contributing to an increase in problems such as high blood pressure and strokes."

Active Lives and Healthy Weight has been designed following research into health, activity levels and obesity.

Studies show that more than 276,000 adults (28.5%) are considered physically inactive; while around 630,000 adults (65%) and more than 3,800 (32%) of 10 and 11-year-olds and 3,000 (24%) of reception age children are believed to be overweight throughout Lancashire.

The West Lancashire scheme, Active West Lancs, will be provided in partnership by the borough council; West Lancs Community Leisure Trust; West Lancs Schools Sports Partnership; West Lancs CVS; and Skelmersdale Community Food Initiative.

The programme will open up a range of activities at venues such as leisure and community centres, parks and outdoor facilities, schools and community allotments.

Building on existing services, it will include health walks and community events, school activities, family workshops and after-school clubs, and even community gardening. There will also be a revamped exercise referral scheme, weight management courses and taster activity sessions.

Active West Lancs is up and running now and will be fully operational from the beginning of June when local community groups will be able to apply to a small grants pot to help fund projects aimed at getting more people active.

Dave Tilleray, West Lancs Council's director of leisure and wellbeing, said: "Being active and healthy is vitally important to people's quality of life and Active West Lancs will be a fantastic scheme to help local residents achieve this.

"We are delighted that the council and its partners in this scheme have received funding to make it a reality."

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Flashback to last year's Medieval Weekend which attracted around 6,000 visitors over the two days

Chance to take a step back in time at medieval festival

THERE will be a chance to take a step back in time when the popular Ormskirk Medieval Weekend returns on Saturday and Sunday, May 14 and 15.

Visitors can discover what life might have been like in West Lancashire 900 years ago by coming along to the free, two-day event at Coronation Park offering the chance to experience the sights, smells, sounds and tastes of Medieval England.

West Lancashire Borough Council's parks and countryside service has once again teamed up with 12th Century re-enactment group Historia Normannis who will do battle in exciting combat displays and tournaments.

Report by **Danielle Thompson**

There will also be an opportunity for members of the public to try on the armour and take a closer look at the weapons, or event have a go at archery.

A taste of 'everyday life' in the 12th Century will be featured with medieval cooking demonstrations, a 'fashion show' of the different styles of dress of the times and displays of medieval crafts.

Several other medieval-themed activities and stalls are being planned for the day. And if your trip into the past leaves you feeling peckish a range of refreshments will be on sale.

Meanwhile younger visitors who might like more 'up-to-date'entertainment can enjoy face-painting, children's rides and a giant bouncy castle at the event, which will run from 11am to 5pm on both days.

Last year's event proved hugely successful with about 6,000 people attending over the weekend.

Dave Tilleray, West Lancs Council's director of leisure and wellbeing, said: "The Ormskirk Medieval Weekend has proved hugely popular over the last couple of year, and once again some wonderful displays and activities have been lined up which will make this extravaganza a great treat for all the family. So make sure you come and enjoy this fantastic event."

Campaign to keep guards on Merseyrail

RAILWAY campaigners want to derail a proposal by Merseytravel to scrap the role of guards on future trains.

Report by **Tom Martin**

There are plans to implement a 'Driver Controlled Operationed' service which would place more responsibility on the driver to ensure passenger safety.

No decision has been made yet, but if the idea is introduced it would come into effect for Merseytravel's new trains, which are set to hit the tracks in the early 2020s.

Currently, every train has a guard and protesters believe this is important as it makes passengers feel safer, especially during the evening.

In recent weeks, campaigners have handed leaflets to people getting off trains and they have been encouraged to get in touch with Merseytravel chairman Cllr Liam Robinson to raise concern.

The leaflet states: "I do not want the driver to be expected to drive the train whilst at the same time being responsible for passenger safety. They cannot walk round the train so there could be no one to assist us and look after the safe operation of the train.

"And without guards who is going to help disabled and older passengers who may need assistance or a parent with a buggy?

"You know that passengers like having a uniformed member of staff on the train to make them feel safer about their journey (especially later at night) and to deter anti-social behaviour. Please do not get rid of the guard."

Merseytravel plans to upgrade the trains on Merseyrail's tracks with the current ones being around 40 years old.

It is hoped that the new fleet will be available in the early 2020s, but a decision on the use of Driver Controlled Operationed is still up in the air.

A Merseytravel spokesperson said: "At this stage no decisions have been taken into whether the new trains will incorporate Driver Controlled Operationed (DCO) - where the driver, with the use of cameras and associated technology, is responsible for the safe dispatch of the train rather than a guard.

"While we have not specified that any new trains should be DCO, this method of dispatch has become increasingly commonplace in the UK and we do expect this may feature in the proposals put to us. We want the bidders to use their experience and expertise to come up with their most innovative proposals for all elements of the project.

"One thing is for definite - any preferred option we take forward won't compromise on passenger safety. It would have to be approved by the Office for Road and Rail.

"We have committed to maintaining an appropriate staff presence on a new fleet. Should we progress with a DCO option, we're confident that the guards' current role in assisting and reassuring passengers can be done effectively through the creation of a new on-board customer service role."

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30,000 pay poignant tribute to the 96

AN estimated 30,000 people gathered outside St George's Hall in Liverpool to remember the 96 Liverpool fans who died at Hillsborough after the landmark inquest verdict.

The special commemorative event was held the day after the inquest jury ruled that the victims of the 1989 FA Cup semi-final disaster were unlawfully killed and that the Reds fans were blameless for the tragedy.

Families of the 96 were joined by the likes of Mayor of Liverpool, Joe Anderson, Labour's shadow home secretary, Andy Burnham, and Anfield legend Kenny Dalglish who all spoke to the huge gathering.

There were also speeches made by family members of the 96, including Margaret Aspinall, while 96 red roses were placed by representatives of both the Liverpool and Everton clubs.

An emotional rendition of You'll Never Walk Alone was sung by Sense of Sound choir with many members of the crowd joining in.

The poignant occasion on Wednesday, April 27 followed the conclusion of the two-year inquest 24 hours earlier when the jury decided that the 96 fans who died had been unlawfully killed.

They also criticised South Yorkshire Police and the ambulance service for their handling of the disaster.

In the wake of the verdict the chief constable of South Yorkshire Police, David Crompton has been suspended and pressure is mounting for criminal proceedings to be initiated against those deemed to be responsible for the deaths.

Landmark verdict a first step to justice, says MP

ROSIE Cooper has hailed the Hillsborough inquest verdict as a landmark and a first step in the fight for justice.

The West Lancs MP was speaking after the conclusion of the two-year hearing in Warrington.

She said: "The verdict that the 96 Hillsborough victims were unlawfully killed is the first step towards justice.

"This is a landmark day in the fight for justice for the 96, their families and their friends, righting the wrongs of previous inquiries.

"The jury's verdict reiterated the truth of the Hillsborough Independent Panel report and is the absolute and resounding vindication of the Liverpool FC fans and their conduct that was so disgustingly misrepresented for far too many years.

"In these veerdicts there is finally a recorded judgment on the failures of the responsible agencies, whether police, ambulance services or all those responsible for stadium safety.

"The criminal investigations will continue and it is here that the ultimate justice for the 96 will be served, but for now the fight for that justice for the 96 will continue."

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WI fundraiser for flood-hit neighbours

THE Tarleton branch of the Women's Institute have raised more than £1,200 for flooding victims in a neighbouring village.

Members of the group, which meets on the third Thursday of the month, usually at Tarleton CE Primary School, raised the money by holding a fashion show and selling cakes and craft items.

They decided to raise money for the Croston Flood Relief Fund which was set up after more than 500 homes in the village were severely affected by the storms in December.

The fund aims to support the families and businesses who were devastated by the flooding through by raising money and acting as a central point of contact for flood-related issues.

Anne Ball, president of the Tarleton WI, said: "We presented the cheque to a member of the Croston branch to take back to their village.

"We felt that we needed to do something to help the people of the neighbouring village following the awful flooding on Boxing Day. The idea was hatched at our January committee meeting and a few weeks later the show went on.

"An enjoyable evening was had by all at our fashion show. Bon Marche kindly provided their services and clothes for us and seven of our members modelled them with flair.

"Carol from Colour Me Beautiful also joined us, giving tips to our audience about their colour choices of garments.

"The night was very well-supported and we also had a stall with homemade cakes and a WI stall with handmade crafts for sale.

"Thanks to everybody who helped in any way to raise this fantastic sum."

Pals' peak performance is just grand!

SIX workmates put their best foot forward when they climbed the highest mountain in Wales to raise funds for activities for the residents of a care home in Ormskirk.

Ben Rawsthorn, Catherine Berkley, Kerris Mousdell, Lyndsey Michael, Karen Hall and Jennette Ferra, who work at Stocks Hall in Nursery Avenue, completed the challenge together raising £1,000.

June Sears-Jones from Stocks Hall said: "The brave volunteers did not let the cold weather get them down. Thanks also to their sponsors. The money they have raised will go toward days out, entertainment and special events."

The work pals are pictured at the top of Mount Snowdon

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That's more like it ... the pathway pictured after the first clean-up

Pathway clean-up action welcomed

WEST Lancs MP Rosie Cooper has praised Network Rail for setting up a maintenance scheme to keep the pathway between Ormskirk's railway and bus stations clean.

After the MP contacted them about the area being heavily littered for a number of months, Network Rail arranged a four-week cleaning and maintenance schedule for the pathway to be regularly cleaned.

And following the first clean-up along the pathway to kick off the new maintenance commitment, Ms Cooper said: "Having raised this issue with Network Rail they have carried out a clean-up of the area. They have also committed to include the pathway in their regular cleaning and maintenance programme. From now on they assure me the pathway will be tidied every four weeks.

"For people visiting the town or commuting daily this is the pathway they use. The litter and shrubbery made it appear scruffy. Network Rail have listened to our concerns and acted to solve them, which I and local residents very much appreciate."

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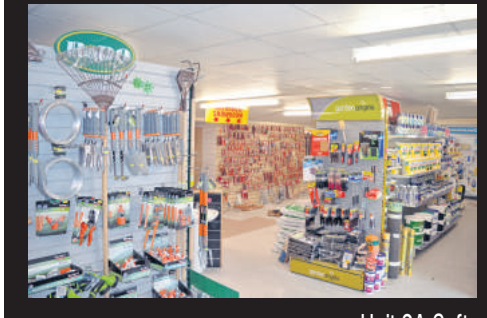

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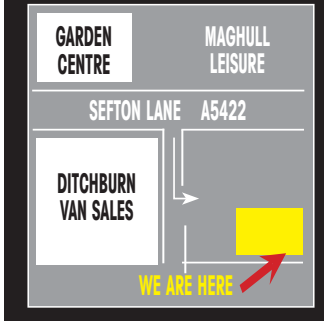

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Anniversary concert raises £1,400 for quake-hit country

Report by **Danielle Thompson**

A CONCERT held to mark the first anniversary of the massive earthquake which devastated Nepal last April has raised more than £1,400 for ongoing community projects in the South Asian republic.

Staged at Ormskirk Parish Church, the concert by Aughton Male Voice Choir was organised by choir member, Paul Dickie.

The 64-year-old from Lathom was caught up in the tragedy while visiting Kathmandu with friend, Tony Fairbrother. The pair narrowly escaped death when a temple they had been visiting seconds earlier came crashing down.

The retired civil servants were fulfilling a long-held ambition to visit Nepal when the killer quake struck, leaving more than 8,000 people dead and more than 21,000 injured, as well as reducing historic landmarks to rubble.

Proceeds from the concert by the choir, which draws members from throughout West Lancashire, Southport, Formby and Maghull, will be divided between charities, Transformation Nepal and Skelmersdale-based Resolve International which funds community project in the country, one of the poorest in the region.

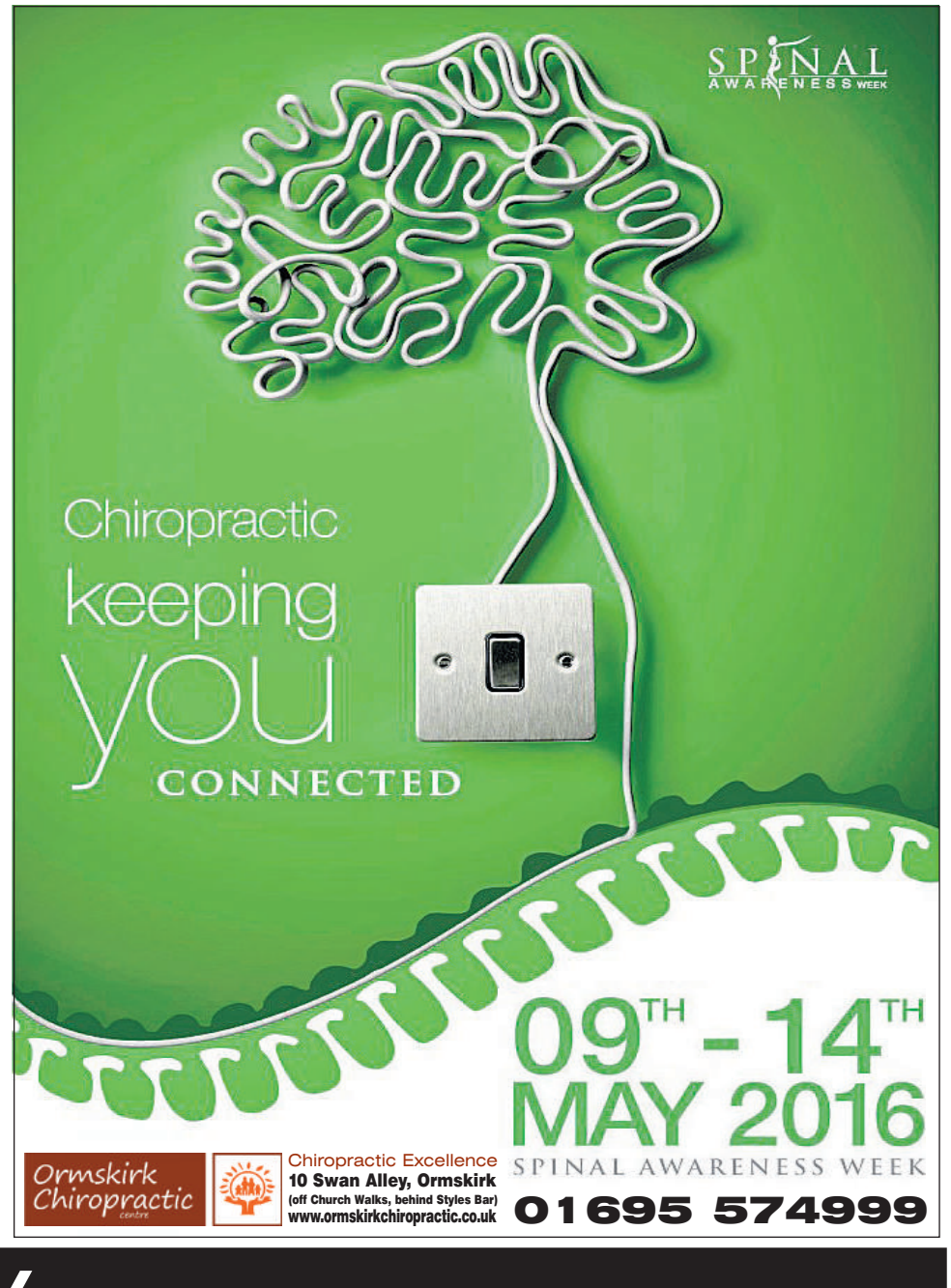
Mayor of West Lancashire, Councillor Nikki Hennessy attended the concert, along with Keith Laycock, founder and chairman of Resolve International.

Paul Dickie said: "We'd like to thank the Champion for highlighting the concert which has so far raised £1,400 and we're hoping it will eventually be more. It went really well and there was a great atmosphere.

Paul Dickie (right) and members of Aughton Male Voice Choir with the mayor, Cllr. Nikki Hennessy and Resolve International chairman Keith Laycock before the concert

"In Nepal they don't have a Leap Year so they commemorated the anniversary on the Sunday, the day before the concert.

"Tony had actually gone back out to help for the anniversary and took photos which he sent to me. We were able to display them to show the audience the commemorations there as we were honouring the date here, which was really very special."



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Cycle paths would be safer for all and better for the environment

I HAD to laugh to myself at the letter regarding the linear cycle path through Skelmersale. Apparently, according to the wisdom of the author, a cycle path is 'the last thing Skelmersdale needs'.

Is it? I asked myself, giggling as I read further.

As a cyclist, I ride to and from my employment on a daily basis, from Burscough to Ormskirk, an average of six miles per day.

Now the story doesn't end there. As you will be all too aware Burscough has had two very useful bus services axed to save money down at County Hall on bus subsidies.

I ride everywhere, I don't own a car. I ride to Skelmersdale to visit friends and to visit the health centre and Concourse, also to use the facilities at Beacon Country Park, a super valuable resource.

Cycling is a superb green mode of transport you don't have to be super-fit to enjoy. What you do have to be is super-vigilant for the myriad of vehicle drivers that really should take a long lesson in revisiting the highway code.

More cyclists would be safer off busy roads and on purpose-built paths. This would encourage new riders of all ages to take two wheels instead of four. European countries plough a considerable amount of investment into cycle ways, and they're used, Holland being a prime example.

Then there's the road tax myth. The Road Fund Licence was abolished in May 1936! Yes, really!

Both car drivers and cyclists pay nothing for the roads they ride on.

Let's not forget that roads existed long before motor vehicles - some of them might even be Roman!

Sports centres are the victims of circumstance. There are so many privately-run facilities these days that offer more than council-owned ones and great deals. Like everything, it's market-led.

Ormskirk swimming baths saved, woo! I haven't used it in donkey's years. I would sooner enjoy the simple pleasure of walking, on the miles and miles of public footpaths we take for granted, or cycle myself silly to Skelmersdale.

Green transport is a must and the gas-guzzling car is begging to become a dinosaur. Hybrid and electric cars, electric bicycles, how exciting, thrilling and possibly we can slow down the imminent death of our planet from pollution and save it for the next generation without being short-sighted and insular.

Cyclist, name supplied

Short-term inconvenience of junior doctors' strike is worthwhile in context of longer-term quality of care

YOU will hear many reports this week about the operations and appointments cancelled due to the junior doctors' strike. What you won't hear about is how many operations and clinics are cancelled every week due to staff shortages, lack of beds due to the increasing demand for emergency care and the chronic under-funding of the NHS and social care.

This is nothing to do with the junior doctors and changing their contract is not going to solve this recurring problem, or improve emergency cover or mortality rates.

There have been quotes from a small number of very senior doctors in high-ranking management and administrative positions, mostly knights and peers, expressing their concerns that this action will put patients at risk. However, the vast majority of senior doctors who still work at the coalface support the action, but these views are not reported as widely.

The other stick that has been used to beat the junior doctors with is the Hippocratic oath. An American doctor wrote a new version in the early 1960s that bears more relevance to modern medicine.

Actually, doctors do not mandatorily take this oath, but the guiding principles are important. Here are a couple of lines from it that are worth looking at.

'I will apply, for the benefit of the sick, all measures which are required.'

'I will remember that I remain a member of society, with special obligations to all my fellow human beings, those sound of mind and body, as well as the infirm.'

Junior doctors have looked at this proposed new contract and have concluded that what is proposed will have a detrimental effect on the quality and safety of care they will be able to provide to patients. The short-term inconvenience of this strike is felt to be worthwhile in the context of longer-term quality of care.

The contract will not help to improve weekend cover. It will only dilute existing junior doctor cover further.

The GMC have outlined what they feel are the duties of a doctor. The following extracts are, in my opinion, entirely compatible with junior doctors taking industrial action for longer-term protection of patients:

- **Make the care of your patient your first concern.**
- **Take prompt action if you think that patient safety, dignity or comfort is being compromised.**
- **Work with colleagues in the ways that best serve patients' interests.**
- **You are personally accountable for your professional practice and must always be prepared to justify your decisions and actions.**

The calls to strike off or lock up junior doctors who take part in this action are at best misguided and verge on ridiculous.

In summary, the risk to patient safety on the two strike days has been assessed and measures are in place to ensure safe cover in hospital emergency units. This strike is taking place because of the department of health's refusal to get back around the negotiating table unless they are allowed to impose what they want if they don't like the outcome of negotiations! What they want will worsen not improve patient care.

Donna Hodson, by email

PICTURE of the week

Floral display at the church

Members of Christ Church in Newburgh put the finishing touches to the display at its recent Spring Flower Festival.

Picture by Martyn Snape.

Quick fixes not the answer to pothole problems

AFTER reading the story about County Councillor John Fillis with regard to potholes (Champion, April 20) I am disgusted that it has the taken the Labour council so long for any action to be taken.

John Fillis is quoted as saying "further cuts to come over the next three years of £7.5m, along with cuts to roads repair of £3,259m" yet has he considered the money being spent is hugely inefficient?

Quickly repairing potholes which are destroyed within weeks is not good use of money, as seen on the A59. How about getting it right first time with quality repairs that can last a good while longer? I ask is that not better sense than quick fixes?

Leon Graham, Conservative candidate, Burscough West ward

Parking problem will surely end in tears

HAVE other readers noticed that we have acquired a new single-track road in Ormskirk?

It used to be a two-way road between Whiteleys Lane and St Helens road, called Scarth Hill Lane. I used to travel along this road quite regularly, but since it has now become single-track, I find an alternative route.

Commercial motorists and residents who still use this road must be infuriated by the parking of cars along one side, and just recently, both sides. Undoubtedly the culprit is Edge Hill students (and staff?).

One can foresee the traffic problems here ending in tears, whether an accident or between frustrated motorists.

Come on, police – dish out some tickets for obstruction. And council, a few more yellow lines would not go amiss.

B.C., name and address supplied

Help save the water vole

The People's Trust for Endangered Species (PTES) is calling for volunteers to take part in their annual water vole survey in May.

Water voles have experienced the most severe decline of any wild mammal in the UK, so PTES urgently needs volunteers to record any sightings in order to aid wider conservation efforts in the UK.

To find out more or to take part in the 2016 National Water Vole Monitoring Programme, visit www.ptes.org/watervoles.

Adela, by email

Devoted hospital staff deserve our praise not criticism

HAVING read so many letters criticising the services at Southport Hospital I would like to say that I recently spent 23 days there and I received exemplary care from all the doctors and nurses.

I grew up alongside the NHS and though there are insufficient resources given to the service I found staff are devoted to the care of patients and are willing to go that extra mile.

Nurses motivated me when I was low and my consultant even visited me when he should have been on leave at Easter. How demoralising it must be for staff at the hospital to receive criticism of A&E and strike action when they are already working long hours for often comparatively low pay.

All grades of staff carry considerable responsibility and I thank all in ward 15b who played a key part in my return to health.

Rosie Dansey, Scarisbrick

IF you've got a view on a topic of local or national interest, why not drop us a line at the Champion?

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Martin Mere news

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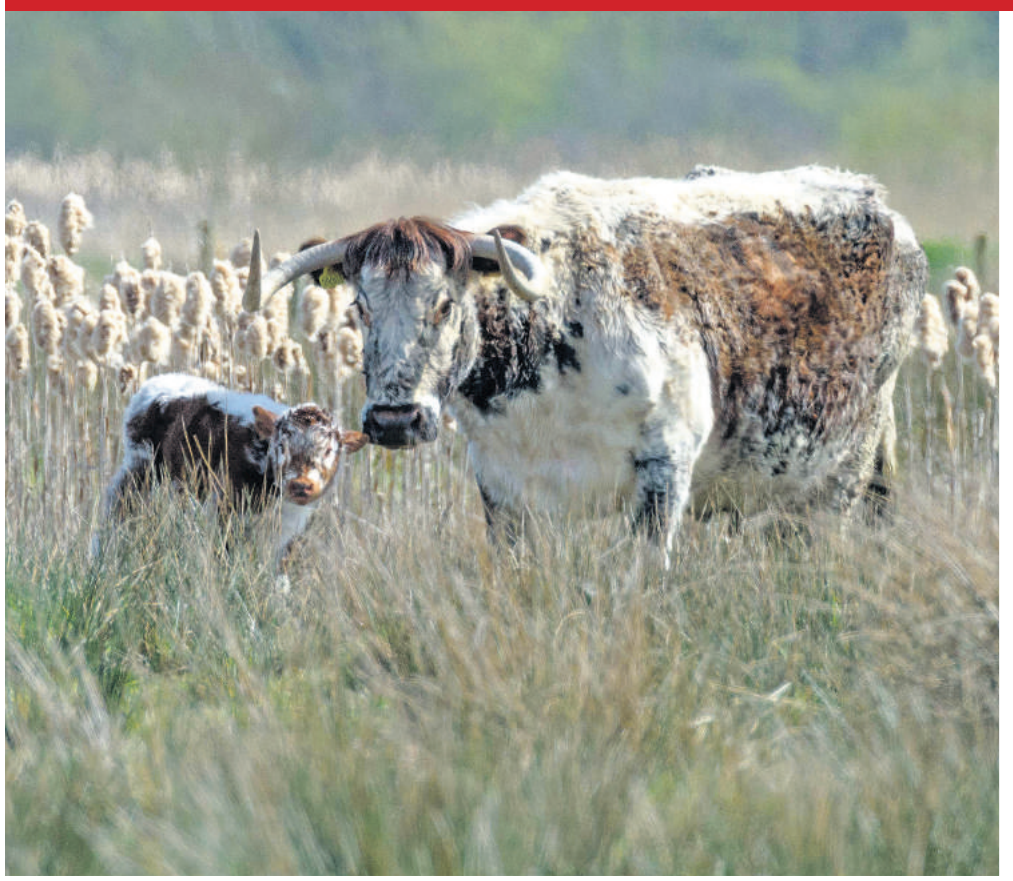

Five Long-horn calves have been born at WWT Martin Mere Wetland Centre, helping the Centre to traditionally manage the reserve.

The calves can be viewed from the Ron Barker hide and they are a couple of weeks old. The centre is still expecting a number of calves to be born throughout May.

Martin Mere has a herd of traditional Long Horn cattle as they are ideal for grazing on wetlands and have been nicknamed 'wetland lawnmowers'. Their hoof marks leave perfect hollows in the ground for birds such as lapwings and redshank to nest in and they graze by leaving tuffs of grass which double up as shelter and safety for the chicks, especially when birds of prey are hovering above. Additionally, the manure attracts a variety of insects and worms that the chicks will feed on when they are born.

Centre Manager, Nick Brooks, said: "Cattle are very important in the way we manage and maintain the reserve and it is going to be another excellent breeding season for the Centre. It is great that visitors can learn about how we manage the reserve by watching the cattle graze from the hides, and the calves are always popular to view".

Management of the Martin Mere reserve is supported by Natural England under an Environmental Stewardship Scheme as part of the Rural Development Programme for England. Other reserve management techniques such as haymaking and seasonal water control have meant that Martin Mere is a best practice reserve in the country, recently being awarded high level countryside stewardship because of the way we encourage the number of BAP (Biodiversity Action Plan) species which use our 600 acres of reserve. At this time of year the water levels are low so that visitors can get great views of waders and birds such as ruff, oystercatcher, avocet, black-headed gull and lapwing, all of which will be nest building at this time of year.

WWT Martin Mere Wetland Centre is open every day (except Christmas Day) from 9.30am to 6pm and parking is free of charge. Situated off the A59, it is signposted from the M61, M58 and M6. The Centre is also accessible via the Southport to Manchester and the Liverpool to Preston line by train from Burscough Rail Stations. Visit the web site http://www.wwt.org.uk/martinmere/ to find out what's on all year round at Martin Mere and the other eight WWT Wetland Centres.

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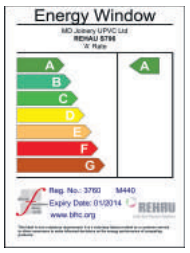

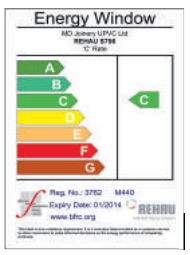

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Microchip reminder to dog owners in borough

Council offering second chance to have your pet 'chipped' for free

Report by **Henry James**

WEST Lancs Council is reminding dog owners in the borough that their pets must now be microchipped and is helping to provide them with the chance to get the job done for free.

New legislation which came into force on April 6 made it a legal requirement for all dogs to be microchipped and their details kept up to date.

Anyone failing to meet these requirements can be served with a 21-day notice giving them the opportunity to get their dogs chipped. Failure to comply can result in prosecution and a fine of up to £500.

Dogs with microchips that are not up to date will be deemed as not microchipped. Owners again will be served with a 21-day notice to complete the update.

The microchip needs to be registered to the dog's keeper and their address, which means to the person and to the address where the dog habitually resides.

To help people comply with the new law the council recently teamed up with the Dogs Trust to provide free microchipping for dogs in the borough at the Evermoor Hub in Digmoor, Skelmersdale. There was a great turn-out and 136 dogs were chipped.

Important

Due to the success of this event, the council is hosting another session on Wednesday, May 25 at the Tanhouse Enterprise Group building (formerly Tanhouse Community Centre) in Skelmersdale.

The microchipping will start at 11am and the queue will close at an appropriate point to ensure that the last dog is seen at 3pm.

Dave Tilleray, the council's director of leisure and wellbeing, said: "If you have a dog which is not microchipped come along to our event where the procedure can be carried out with no charge.

"It is very important that people comply with this legislation or they could be prosecuted and face a heavy fine."

Dogs may only be exempt from chipping if they have a certificate from a vet.

The new law does not replace the requirement for a dog to wear a collar and tag in a public place. It is an additional piece of legislation.

Currently dog owners can be fined up to £5,000 for not having collar and tags on their dogs.

For more information on microchipping call the council's environmental enforcement team on 01695 585254.

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Fashion show raises £3,300 for NSPCC

STAFF at Hurlston Hall Golf Club swapped birdies and eagles for the catwalk when they staged a charity fashion show in aid of the National Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children.

More than 170 guests enjoyed the event at the club in Scarisbrick presented by Coco Boutique of Southport with a grand total of £3,300 raised for the Ormskirk & Aughton branch of the NSPCC.

Branch chairperson, Liz McNeill offered sincere thanks on behalf of the committee to everyone who supported the day with a special mention to Aoiffe O'Brien of Hurlston Hall and Nichola Johnson of Coco for their attention to detail and all-round help in organising the event.

Pictured: Liz McNeil (centre) chair of Aughton and Ormskirk NSPCC fundraising branch with models Sarah, Megan, Hannah and Alex who took part in the fashion show at Hurlston Hall Golf Club.

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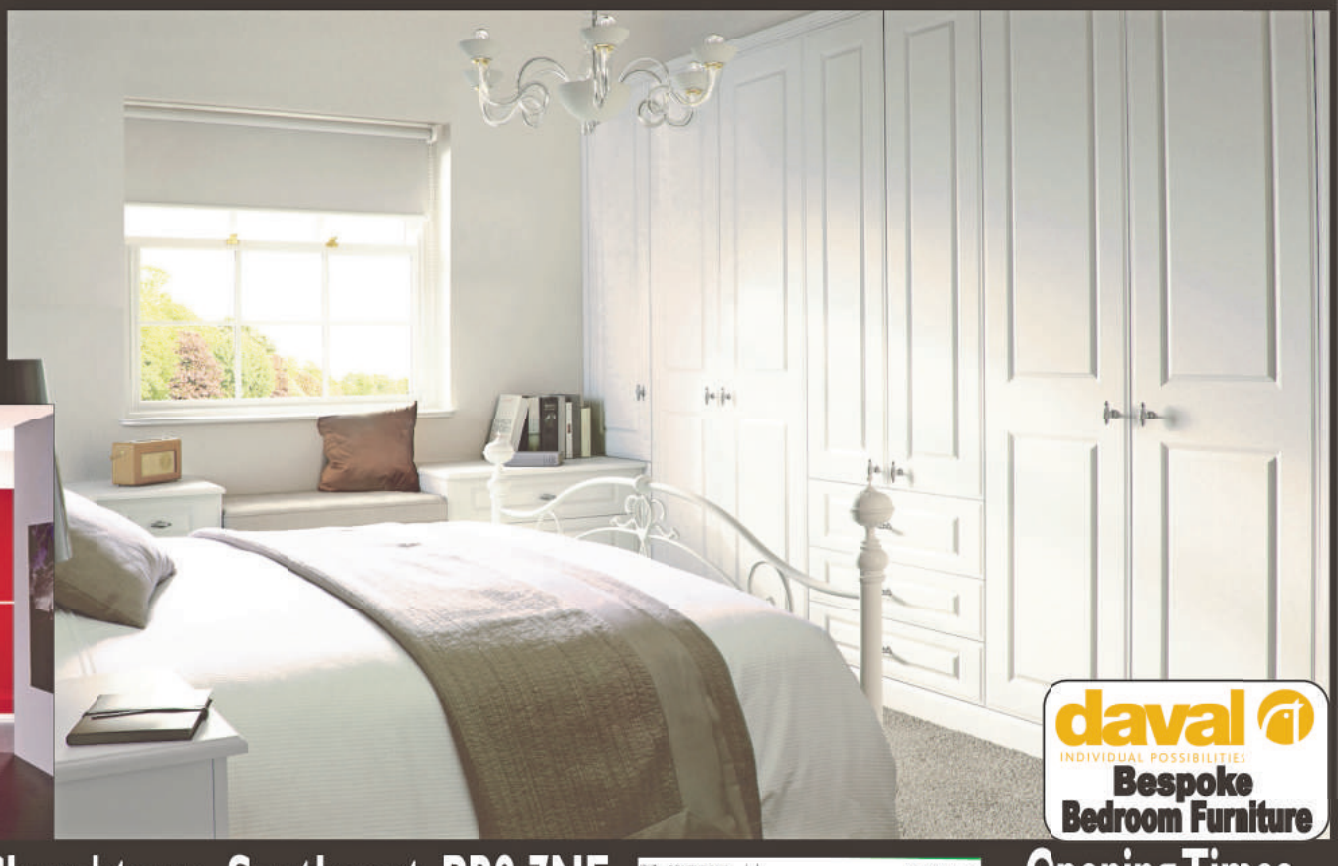

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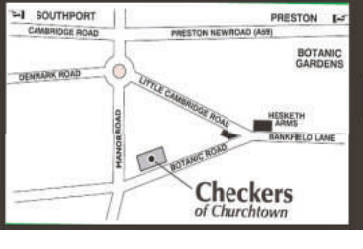

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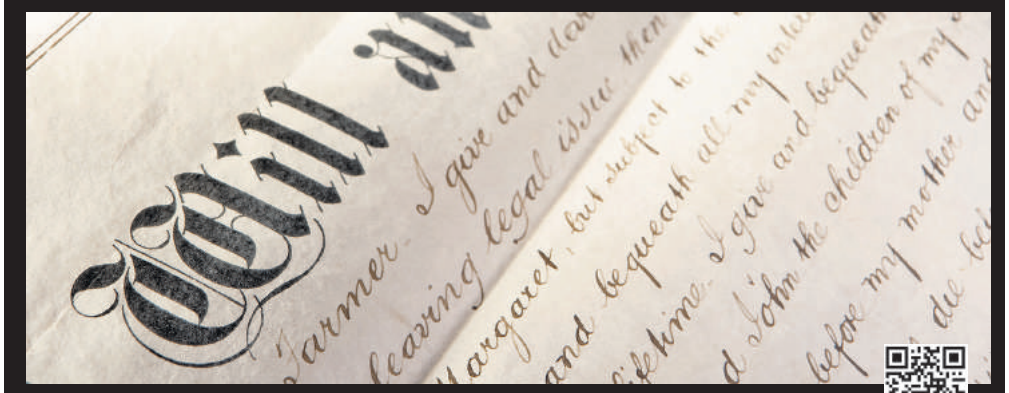

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A Lasting Power of Attorney is an important legal document that everybody should put in place, it can cover your property and finances and your health and welfare. Within it, you can pick who you would want to look after your finances and your welfare if you cannot do so yourself. It is important to get proper advice from a qualified solicitor before making a Lasting Power of Attorney.

Putting in place a Lasting Power of Attorney will make things easier for your family if you are not able to look after your affairs. If you do lose the ability to look after your own finances and welfare and you have not put in place a Lasting Power of Attorney, then the alternative is for an application to be made to the Court of Protection, the costs of which can run into many thousands of pounds, far more expensive than putting a Lasting Power of Attorney in place now.

It is also important to put in place a will so you can clearly set out who you want your estate to pass to in the event of your death. Over two-thirds of the adult population do not have a valid will and recent changes to Inheritance Tax legislation with the introduction of additional reliefs in relation to the family home make it even more important to put in place a tax efficient will.

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A properly drafted will can also help protect your property and assets from care fees, average care home fees in the local area range from £500 to £900 per week, if you are in a care home for a year this could amount to costs of between £26,000 to £46,800.

Protecting your property and assets in a will is usually done through the use of trusts so it is important to use a qualified solicitor who is properly trained and regulated rather than an unqualified will writer who may have no legal training. It can be tempting to use a cheaper alternative, such as a DIY will or online provider, but this is often a false economy as fixing the problems caused by such methods is often far more expensive than if a solicitor had been instructed in the first place.

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ORGANISERS of the annual Burscough Wharf Raft Race, to be held as part of a local history group's 200th anniversary celebrations of the completion of the Leeds-Liverpool Canal, are planning to make it bigger and better this year.

The Burscough Heritage Group are holding the raft race at noon on Sunday, June 19 as part of the Heritage Weekend's activities on the Saturday and Sunday.

Sponsored by Burscough Parish Council and Thomas Guy Ltd, the race will start from the Slipway pub in Burscough and finish at Burscough Wharf. Prizes will be awarded for categories including the Best Themed Raft and Most Recyclable Raft and for the first time, this year there will be a junior race.

Proceeds raised will be donated to the Lancashire Association of Boys and Girls Clubs (LABGC). Formed in 1934, LABGC works with 45 affiliated clubs throughout Lancashire to help disadvantaged young people.

Ray Eckersley, Burscough Wharf's site manager, said: "We're excited about this year's race, there's already been lots of interest, but we want to make it bigger than ever to mark the 200th anniversary. We're hoping to see some really creative contributions, the only condition is the rafts have to be home-made."

Participants will be greeted back on to dry land to join the Heritage Weekend celebrations where a winners' presentation ceremony will take place.

Participants enjoying last year's raft race

To take part in the race, call Nick Eckersley on 01695576884 or email nickeckersley@nreltd.co.uk and formore information visitwww.burscough-wharf.co.uk

50-ft mast plan bid submitted to council

PLANNING permission is being sought for the installation of a new communications mast almost 50ft high on Liverpool Road, Rufford.

Applicant Arqiva Ltd. has submitted a planning application to West Lancs Council to install the 12-metre mast with an attached antenna and GPS unit (making an overall height of 14.8m), an equipment cabinet and electric meter cabinet at the Telephone Exchange.

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Golfers chip in for charity

A FUNDRAISING drive by members of Ormskirk Golf Club teed up a welcome boost for a national cancer charity.

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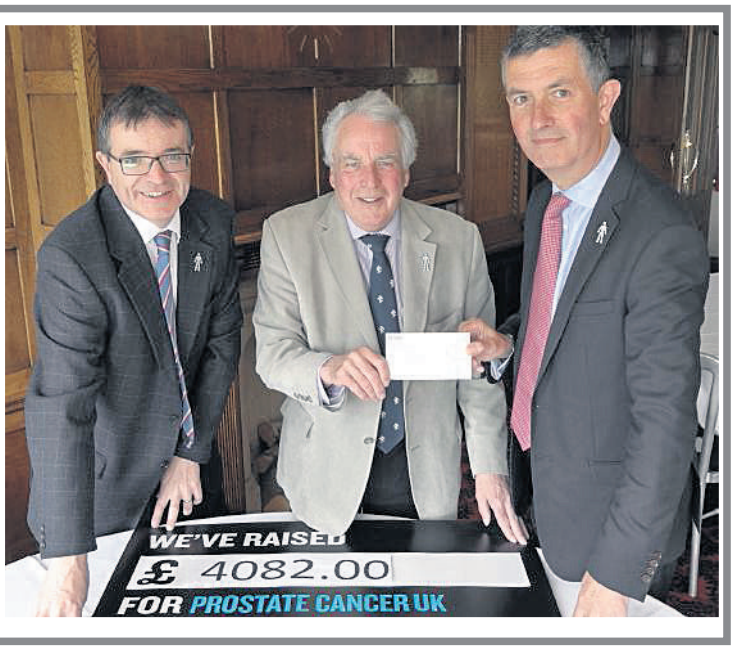
The money was raised at events held at the club in Cranes lane, Lathom, including a sportsman's dinner and coffee morning.

Peter Bowen said: "It was fantastic to raise funds for such a brilliant charity. We raise funds for a different nominated charity each year and we will be choosing a new one very shortly."



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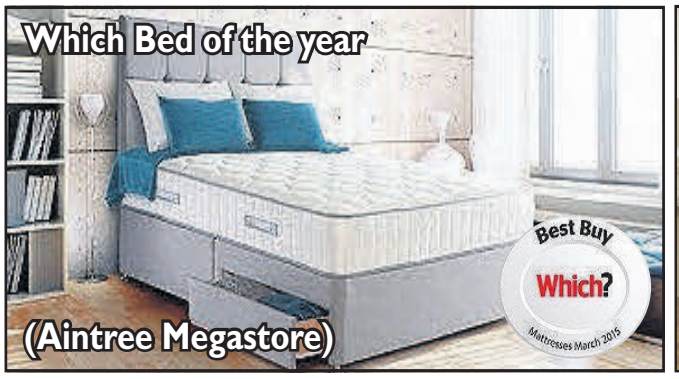

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Complaints prompt pledge to clear up parking confusion

Indistinct yellow lines on New Court Way have resulted in motorists parking illegally

ROSIE Cooper says Lancashire County Council have pledged to clear up confusion over motorists parking illegally in New Court Way in Ormskirk town centre.

The West Lancs MP took up the case after receiving complaints from local businesses about cars being parked on both sides of the road and on the bend, reducing visibility and making it less safe for pedestrians crossing from Station Road to Railway Approach, a route also used by many families walking to school.

Ms Cooper said that county council officials told her that the yellow lines were not of a sufficient standard to allow parking enforcement, preventing the authority from taking action against parked vehicles.

The yellow lines will now be re-painted to bring them up to standard and once the work is completed, enforcement of the restrictions on New Court Way will start again and penalty charge notices will be issued to offenders.

Rosie Cooper said: "In search of free parking some motorists have been parking on New Court Way causing problems for local business owners.

"Lancashire County Council's action to re-paint the lines should ensure cars parked on yellow lines will receive a ticket. Local motorists need to be aware that re-painting the lines will mean action can be taken against drivers ignoring the parking restrictions, in some cases causing problems for local businesses."

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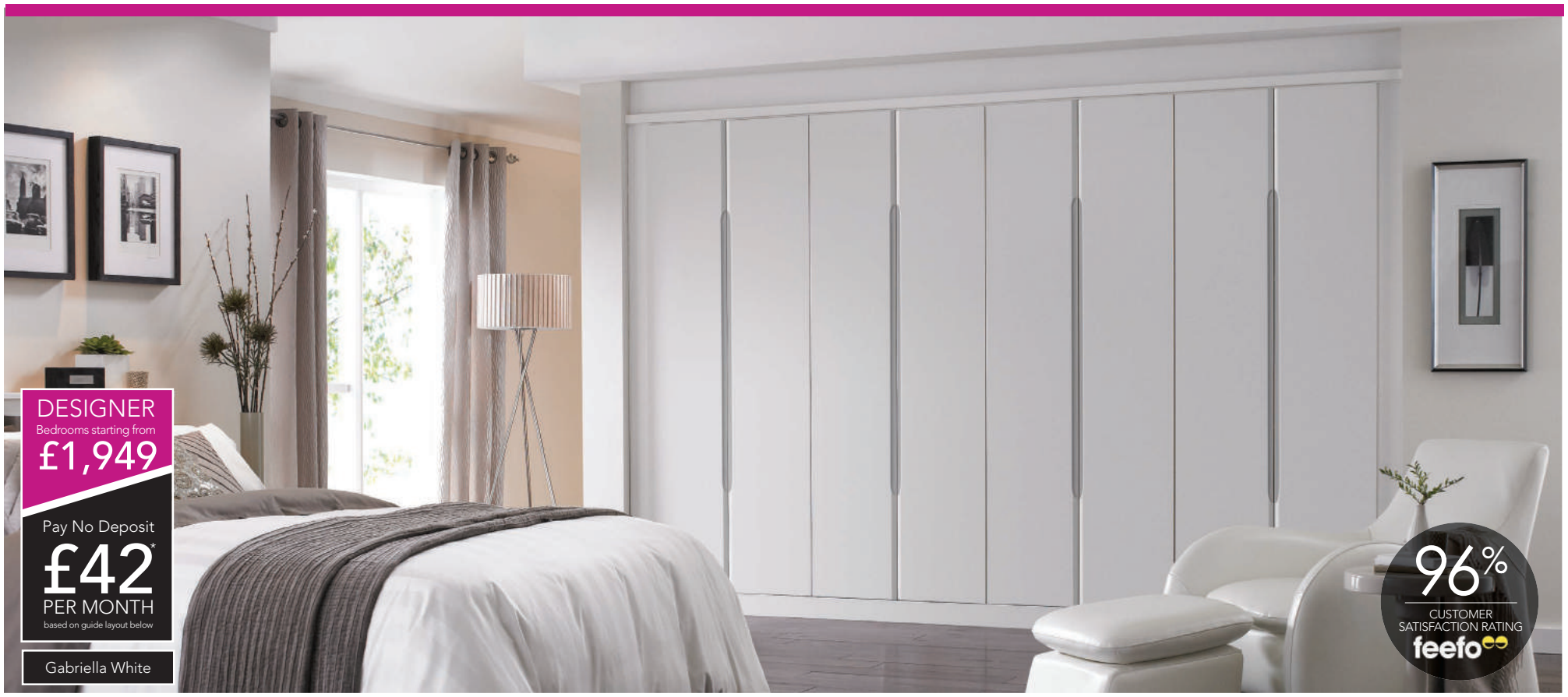

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Search for county's brightest young business stars

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THE search is on again for Lancashire's "most impressive, innovative and inspiring" young business people aged 36 and under.

Organised by Lancashire Business View magazine and backed by BAE Systems, the Young 'Uns Awards will honour the county's young business stars across a range of categories at a ceremony at Blackpool's Winter Gardens in October.

Young business professionals and business owners are now being urged to get their nominations in by the deadline of Friday, September 2. And employers are also being encouraged to nominate their star employees.

From legal eagles to digital dynamos and red-hot retailers, there are 12 categories in total to ensure that anyone making waves in their industry has a chance to have their story heard. Following validation and pre-scoring by the judging panel, finalists will be announced on September 12.

The four finalists for each category will then meet the judges for interviews on September 22 with the ceremony taking place on October 20.

Richard Slater, publisher of Lancashire Business View, said: "The Young 'Uns idea began as a popular feature in our magazine, profiling the sharpest business minds aged 36 and under. Eventually, we had so many fantastic stories that it became obvious we needed to honour them properly.

"The Young 'Uns are the next generation of Lancashire's business leaders and we urge them to nominate themselves. We also urge employers to nominate their star staff members. We have added the interview stage to our judging process this year and are looking forward to meeting finalists and celebrating their achievements."

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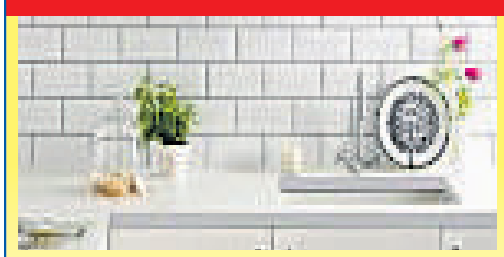

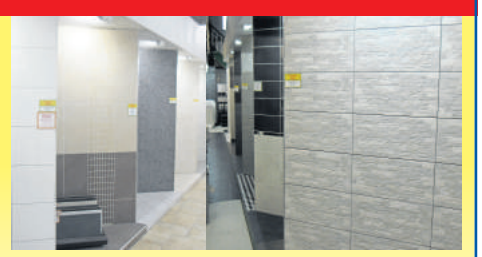

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MP accuses CCG of using 'fantasy' figures in row over care services

ROSIE Cooper claims plans by West Lancashire Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) to save £13 million "appear to be pure fantasy based on guesswork."

The West Lancs MP has raised her concerns with national health bosses at NHS Improvement over West Lancs CCG's plans to exclude Southport and Ormskirk Hospital NHS Trust from tendering for some urgent care and community health services - contracts which they already operate.

by **Henry James**

In response NHS Improvement states: "The expectation set out in the CCG's tender document is that an additional £13m will be released from secondary care, however the actual release of the expenditure will require GPs and other clinical staff to behave differently. For example, it will require fewer patients to be referred to hospitals for diagnostic testing, treatment and care or consultant opinion which is against the current trend of increased referrals to secondary care services.

"It is difficult at this stage to calculate the potential income loss to the trust because the impact of the schemes in terms of how effective they will be at reducing demand for secondary care is unknown."

However, Rosie Cooper accused the CCG of "a lack of transparency."

She said: "Despite delivering a hammer blow to local health services, bosses at West Lancashire Clinical Commissioning Group haven't been very forthcoming about how they made the decision to exclude Southport and Ormskirk Hospital Trust whilst putting two private companies in pole position to take over community and urgent care services.

"There has been a real lack of openness and transparency around this entire process even though we are talking about taxpayer-funded public health services.

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"While the CCG believe they can save £13 million of expenditure NHS Improvement are not particularly convinced given it requires a complete change in culture for GPs and clinical staff and would mean going against all the current trends which are seeing more referrals not less.

"This leads me to the opinion that West Lancashire CCG are making plans based on pure fantasy and guesswork rather than being rooted in reality. We need to see the evidence base for this guesswork.

"I've already called for West Lancashire CCG to review their tender process following Southport and Formby CCG's decision to allow Southport and Ormskirk Hospital to tender for their community services.

"In light of this new information it is even more pressing that West Lancashire CCG put a stop to the chaos and damage they are creating for local health services and our much-needed local hospital before it is all too late."

A spokesperson for NHS West Lancashire Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG), said: "This re-procurement of local community health services is standard practice for CCGs. It is subject to national procurement legislation which requires the CCGs to enable both NHS and private providers to compete, and only proceed if they are successful following evaluation against set criteria. As a CCG, we have a responsibility to review all NHS services we commission, not least when contracts come to an end.

"This procurement is in line with our clinical strategy to ensure community services continue to meet the changing needs of their populations in the future, whilst at the same time continuing to provide the highest possible standards of quality and value for patients. This procurement process is in line with our vision for joined up care which is about creating effective and sustainable services for the future. Changing and enhancing the way we deliver services will allow us to free up hospital capacity in order to allow them to focus on those other crucial areas and services they specialise in, and work with the community health services. Our local hospital will continue to be a major part of local health services and will remain integral in moving towards joined up care. The £13m mentioned by the MP is an indicative contract cost, not a predicted saving as suggested."

Scouts parade through Ormskirk town centre to mark St George's Day

Scouts on parade to mark saint's day

SCOUTS from across the district took part in a parade to celebrate St George's Day in Ormskirk.

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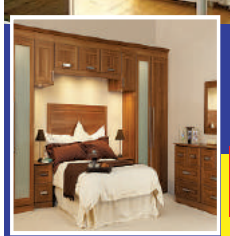

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Members of the Heatons Bridge Military Vehicle Group at their first display of the year at the Heatons Bridge Inn, Scarisbrick

Good turn-out for military vehicle group's first display of year

HUNDREDS of visitors turned out to enjoy this year's first military display by the Heaton's Bridge Military Vehicle Group.

The two-day event at the Heatons Bridge Inn in Scarisbrick featured a range of military vehicles from World War Two onwards, including jeeps, four-ton trucks, an armoured personnel carrier, military motorbikes, and military staff cars.

Also on display were military equipment and 'big guns' including a Howitzer, tank transporter, firearms and bayonets.

The events are run at least twice a year, hosted by Steve and Jacqui Winrow from the pub who serve up food and real ale with military-themed names.

The inn itself is located on the canal at Heatons Bridge and the grounds still retain the World War Two free-standing brick pillbox which formed part of the home-guard defence provisions.

Air show set to light up the skies!

THIS year marks the 25th anniversary of the ever-popular Southport Air Show and organisers are aiming to light up the skies to celebrate the milestone with a spectacular night flying event, in addition to the usual two-day programme.

The show, which attracts many visitors from West Lancashire, is scheduled for Saturday and Sunday, September 10 and 11, but on the eve of the main event on Friday, September 9, the skies will be lit up with a dusk fly-past and a display of aircraft illuminated with LED lights.

The evening flying event is the first of its kind in the North West and those confirmed as taking part so far include Tigers Freefall Team, The Blades and the P-51 Mustang, with more to be announced.

There will also be a firework finale on the beach to end the Friday evening spectacular.

Sefton Council's tourism service manager, Mark Catherall, said: "Over the years we have been treated to some spectacular displays including the Chinook, Spitfires, Lynx, Mustang, Red Arrows, and of course the historic Vulcan.

"Traditionally, the event has taken place over Saturday and Sunday in September with two full days of air displays and numerous ground attractions. But for 2016 the team wanted to give visitors something special and a bit different to mark the anniversary.

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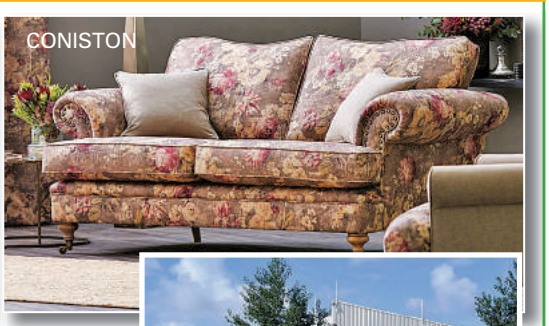

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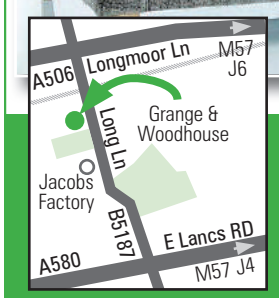

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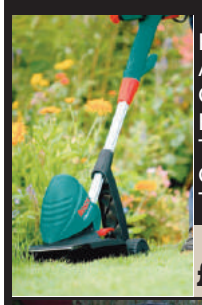

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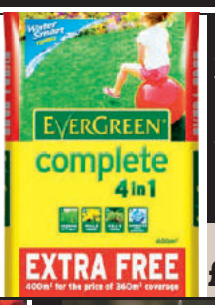

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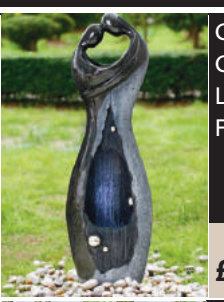

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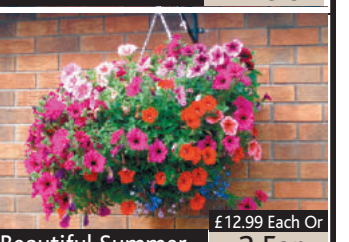

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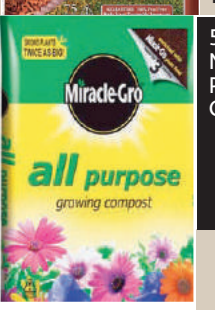

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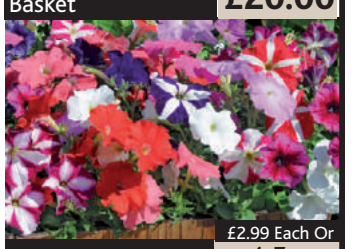

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Police pledge to step up fight against plant machinery thieves

LANCASHIRE Police are stepping up the fight against the theft of plant machinery across the county by increasing the number of officers trained to spot stolen or cloned machinery.

Officers have been on a special training course designed to help them recognise tell-tale signs that might indicate a piece of machinery is stolen.

The training, organised by thec nonstabulary, took place on site at Wilson's Farming in Samlesbury which was offered as the venue by owner, Harry Wilson.

Various machines, including tractors, excavators and tandem rollers, were available for the officers to examine so they know what to look for when they come across vehicles they suspect as being stolen.

Both the practical and the classroom training sessions were led by DC Chris Pigott from the National Vehicle Crime Intelligence Service (NaVCIS) and Clive Harris from NFU Mutual.

Chris and Clive are specialists in the field and deliver training to police forces across the country.

Officers on the training course

Lorraine Ellwood, rural crime and wildlife co-ordinator for the constabulary, said; "It is the first time that we have had training in Lancashire on this scale and it is something we will look to continue doing. It is really important that as many officers as possible are trained in what to look for when they stop vehicles and to be able to recognise tell-tale signs that all might not be as it seems.

"Lancashire is not a soft touch – we have big expanses of rural areas to look after and we are really keen on cracking down on this, we are going to be it making very hard for those criminals insistent on committing this type of crime. We are not sitting back - we are doing something about it."

DC Chris Pigott commented: "We know that people make money from either exporting the machinery once it has been stolen or selling it on auctioning sites and so we have teams of people who monitor this activity specifically to search for and identify any machinery that has been reported stolen."

And Clive Harris from NFU Mutual added: "The more we can get out and do the training, the better. We need to get as many officers and staff trained up to know what to look for as part of their day-to-day role. This isn't a specialist, one off 'event', we want officers to be constantly vigilant and looking out for anything suspicious."

The Tarleton Academy schoolchildren at Anfield with their Premier League Reading Stars certificates

Pupils' Red-letter day!

A GROUP of outstanding schoolboys were awarded with a trip to Anfield after completing a literacy programme.

Year 7 and 8 pupils from Tarleton Academy enjoyed a trip to the Liverpool FC stadium as recognition of their dedication to the Premier League Reading Stars programme.

The programme, run by the National Literacy Trust, in conjunction with Premier League football clubs, aims to motivate young people to read by combining football and literacy.

The aim is to help boys to engage with reading and see the value of reading in the real world.

Over the course of 10 weeks, Tarleton students explored a range of short stories and looked at how to choose books that suit their interests with the help of authors such as Tom Palmer.

They also produced their own football poems as well as player profiles. Guest speakers also visited the school, including sports journalists.

The boys were rewarded for their hard work with the Anfield trip, which included a football reading session, a reward ceremony in the Kop (where they were presented with their Premier League Reader certificates), a full tour of the ground and museum, and the day finished off with taking part in a coaching session led by one of Liverpool's professional coaches.

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September trial date for fraud case accused

TWO men accused of conspiring to defraud Edge Hill University out of £500,000 have appeared at Liverpool Crown Court.

Robert Smedley, of Grange Farm Crescent, West Kirby, and Christopher Joynson, of Clocktower Apartments, Bamburgh Castle, both entered not guilty pleas.

They are accused of conspiring to defraud the university between September 1, 2009 and August 31, 2014 by way of Joynson submitting invoices for consultancy work which they knew to be false and which were then authorised for payment by Smedley.

Smedley, 51, and 33-year-old Joynson, of Clocktower Apartments, Bamburgh Castle, were both further remanded on bail by judge Stephen Everett to await their trial beginning on Monday, September 12.

Staff and residents from Abbey Wood Lodge care home celebrating the Queen's 90th birthday

Care home group's royal treat

RESIDENTS from a care home in Ormskirk were joined by family and friends for a trip to New Brighton to celebrate the Queen's 90th birthday.

Staff at Abbey Wood Lodge care home in County Road organised the visit to the appropriately named Queen's Royal Hotel where they enjoyed wine and afternoon tea and a chance to reminisce about their memories of Her Majesty's 67-year rule.

Home events organiser, Lesley Malone, said: "On arrival everyone walked in to the sound of the national anthem - we felt like part of the royal family entering the well-known hotel which the Queen visited many years ago. We then enjoyed an afternoon tea fit for royalty and a complimentary glass of wine to toast the Queen before rounding off with a rousing rendition of Happy Birthday!"

The event was the latest in the home's campaign to make older people in the local community feel more involved by inviting them to join in free activities and events held at the home and day trips out. For more details ring Lesley on 01695 767778."

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Festival success for college performing arts learners

Report by **Henry James**

THE talents of West Lancashire College performing arts learners have been recognised at a drama festival.

The learners, who are members of Storm2Theatre, the college's extra curricular theatre group, performed at the Leverhulme Drama Festival held at the Gladstone Theatre in the Wirral.

And at the awards evening they were honoured with a host of individual and group awards for their talents.

From the 11 competing youth teams, West Lancashire College learners, Alex Tighe and Niamh Donnelly were two of the six learners that were awarded with medals for acting.

Former Lathom High School pupil, Jamie Duncan, was awarded Best Male Actor in the Youth Category.

And, having won the award in previous years, the group consisting of Louis Duncan, Chloe Taylor, Alex Tighe, Niamh Donnelly, Jamie Duncan and former West Lancashire College student, Catrina Davies once again won the under-21 Youth Category.

Performing arts staff and learners are hoping to perform the play in college in the near future to enable the general public, as well as parents and friends of the students, to watch this award-winning production which addresses issues of Internet safety, grooming, and bullying.

Pictured (above, left): The West Lanc College performing arts learners with their trophies

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Libraries launch new interactive app

Library users will be able to borrow e-books by downloading the BorrowBox app

LIBRARIES across Lancashire will now offer users e-books and audiobooks through a new interactive app.

BorrowBox is an online application allowing library members to download e-books and audiobooks straight to their smartphones, iPads, tablets, laptops or computers.

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The app is available for iOS and Android phones, tablets and Kindle Fire. Customers can also use Adobe Digital Editions to read the items on their desktop computer or laptop.

Lancashire County Council's head of libraries, museums, culture and registrars service, Julie Bell, said: "The recent launch of the BorrowBox mobile app means that Lancashire's library members can now download their favourite titles no matter where they are, and at any time of the day or night.

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Car enthusiasts' 'ton-up' boost for animal charity

MEMBERS of a car enthusiasts club have donated £100 to an animal charity.

Noel Skinner of the West Lancashire MG Owners Club, presented a cheque to Jane Young from Freshfields Animal Rescue last week.

Club member Steve Kirton said that the club had raised the money through donations from club members.

Steve said: "We had great pleasure in presenting our third cheque for local charities this year.

"This time our donation went to Freshfields Animal Rescue at Ince Blundell, a non-profit charity with two re-homing centres, caring for abandoned, abused and unwanted animals. It provides a safe place, care and medical attention to a range of animals from cats and dogs to farm animals and ferrets, chinchillas and other exotic animals.

"Every year Freshfields helps rescue and re-home well in excess of 1,200 animals and birds across their two sites. They receive no state funding and would be very grateful for any support you could offer. Every donation, however large or small, will help the lives of the rescue animals. We hope our donation will help to go a little way in transforming the animals' lives for the better."

Noel Skinner presents the £100 cheque to Jane Young at Freshfields Animal Rescue

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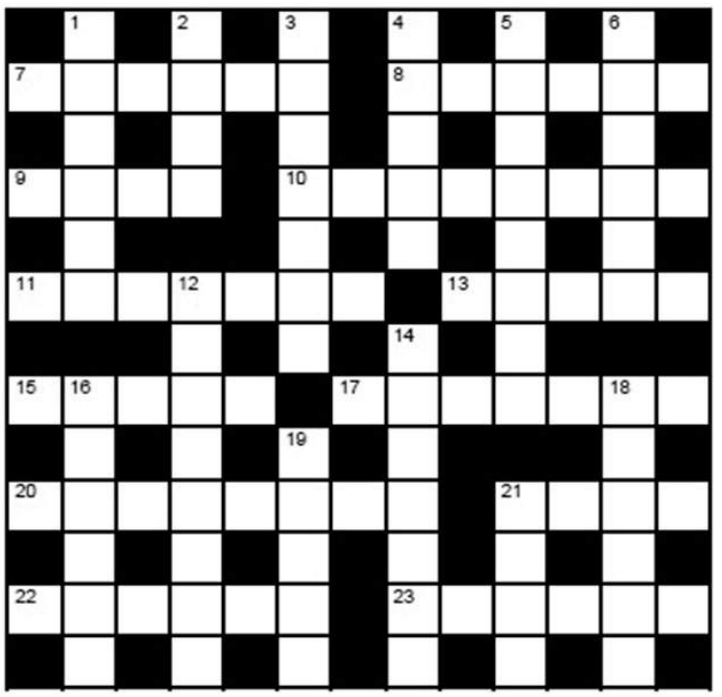

Last week's solutions:

Across: 7 Dry rot. 8 Sierra. 9 Aqua. 10 Prejudge. 11 Iguanas. 13 Hyena. 15 Biddy. 16 Coracle. 18 Overland. 19 Lass. 21 Sudoku. 22 Youths.

Down: 1 Iraq. 2 Trial and error. 3 Stopgap. 4 Aspen. 5 Beauty parlour. 6 Original. 12 Grievous. 14 Dog days. 17 Value. 20 Soho.

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ACROSS

7 Sloppy, careless writing (6)
8 (Of a debt) Unsettled (6)
9 Drop of thick liquid or viscous substance (4)
10 Glass cabinet used to display articles in a shop or museum (8)
11 Speech impediment (7)
13 Animal entrails used as food (5)
15 Brash, over-confident (5)
17 To keep hidden (7)
20 Doctrine (8)
21 Surrender power or territory (4)
22 Brightly shining (6)
23 Release from bonds or restraint (6)

DOWN

1 Carve, fashion (6)
2 Doorway side-post (4)
3 Fluid-filled skin swelling caused by friction or burning (7)
4 Curvaceous (5)
5 Clearly defined (8)
6 Afternoon nap (6)
12 Renovation (8)
14 Beer mug in the figure of a stout old man with three-cornered hat (4,3)
16 Later years of life (3,3)
18 Passionate (6)
19 Spacious (5)
21 Largest island in the Caribbean (4)

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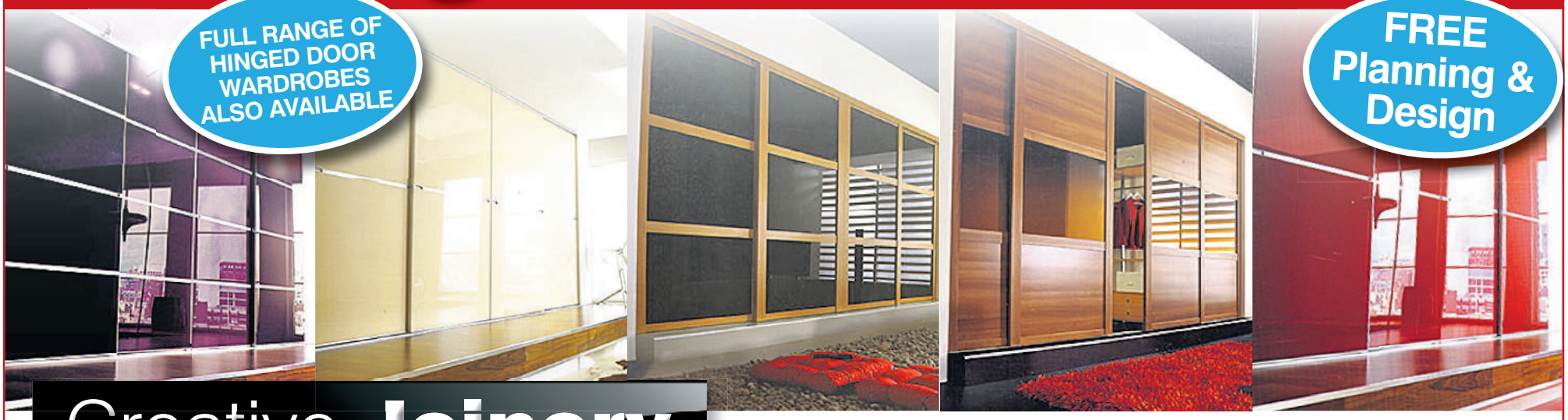

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Members of Lancashire Care's Infant Feeding Team celebrate securing an international UNICEF award

Care trust team win Baby Friendly award

THE infant feeding team at Lancashire Care NHS Foundation Trust has been awarded the prestigious Baby Friendly Award.

It is the latest UK healthcare facility to win international recognition from UNICEF (the United Nations' Children's Fund).

Set up by UNICEF and the World Health Organisation, the Baby Friendly Initiative is a global programme that provides a practical and effective way for health services to improve the care provided for all mothers and babies. Following assessment by UNICEF, the Infant Feeding Team was handed the award as a way of recognising that best practice standards are in place.

Katie Wharton, infant feeding co-ordinator at Lancashire Care NHS Foundation Trust, said: "We decided to join forces with UNICEF UK's Baby Friendly Initiative to increase breastfeeding rates and to improve care for all mothers.

"Breastfeeding protects babies against a wide range of serious illnesses, including gastroenteritis and respiratory infections in infancy, as well as asthma, cardiovascular disease and diabetes in later life.

"We also know that breastfeeding reduces a mother's risk of some cancers - athough mums might be more interested in hearing that it is easier, cheaper and simply less hassle than bottle feeding."

In the UK, the Baby Friendly Initiative works with UK public services to protect, promote and support breastfeeding, and strengthen mother-baby and family relationships. Support for these relationships is important for all babies, not only those who are breastfed.

Sue Ashmore, programme director of UNICEF's UK Baby Friendly Initiative, commented: "We are delighted that Lancashire Care NHS Foundation Trust has achieved full Baby Friendly status.

"Surveys show that most mothers want to breastfeed but don't always get the support they need. Mothers in Lancashire can be confident that their midwives and health visitors will provide high standards of care."

Parish council assembly date

AUGHTON Parish Council will be holding their annual assembly on Monday, May 9.

The assembly, for the electors of the parish, will start at 8.15pm at Aughton Village Hall annexe. There will be reports from the parish, borough and county councils and representatives from Lancashire Constabulary will report on the policing of Aughton.

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Bus company's livery tribute is just the ticket

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The buses went on the road on Her Majesty's birthday and are expected to stay in circulation until October while the full celebration calendar rolls out.

Marketing director, Mark Bosworth, commented: "Naturally we're delighted to be marking Her Majesty's 90th birthday with these striking bus liveries. If the Queen were to visit our region during the celebrations, we can think of no better way for her to get around!"

One of the buses outside St George's Hall in Liverpool

Moores family still top of West Lancs 'Rich List'

Report by **Henry James**

THE Moores family are still at the top of the highest-placed people with connections to West Lancashire in this year's Sunday Times Rich List.

The list is based on identifiable wealth, including land, property and other assets such as art and racehorses or significant shares in publicly-quoted companies. It excludes bank accounts, to which the newspaper has no access.

According to the list, the Moores family's estimated fortune has stayed the same at £1.2bn, but they have fallen from joint 85th to joint 90th.

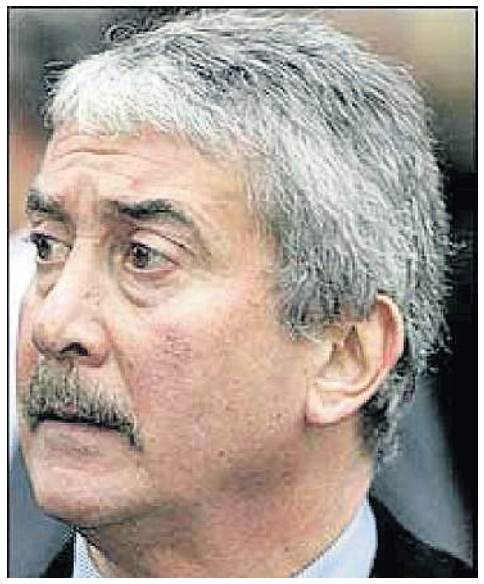
The Moores family includes David Moores, 70, who lives in Halsall.

Mr Moores, who was hospitalised following a burglary at his home earlier this year, sold his majority stake in Liverpool FC to US businessmen, George Gillet and Tom Hicks in February 2007. He received £90m in the process.

Sir Peter Moores, 83, the son of the late Sir John Moores, founder of the Littlewoods football pools empire, used to have a house at Parbold. He died earlier this year. He was also the head of the Peter Moores Foundation, a charitable organisation connected with the arts.

Next up is John Hargreaves, the founder of Matalan, which used to be based in Skelmersdale but has now moved to Knowsley. He has dropped from joint 108th to joint 228th and is wealth has dropped massively from 1bn to £500m.

Other millionaires with links to West Lancashire include Wigan Athletic owner Dave Whelan, 79, who lives in Parbold. He built up the JJB sports retailer and sold the family stake for £190m.



David Moores

His estimated fortune has increased by £30m to £230m, and his ranking has increased from joint 476th to joint 452nd.

Alan Murphy, 67, who made his money from producing toilet rolls at his factory in Skelmersdale also features on the list.

Last year he was joint 517th with an estimated £190m. This year his fortune has stayed the same, but he has dropped to joint 557th.

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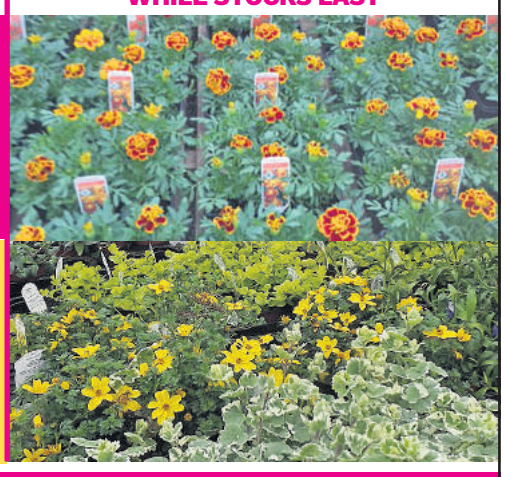

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Pianist in 'class of his own' to perform at Douglas Music

PETER Donohoe who began his musical career in the North West teaching pianists in and around Ormskirk is to perform this Saturday (May 7) at 7.45pm at Douglas Music, Parbold.

He has been described as "a pianist in a class of his own… a 'sculptor' of the piano." and his links with Douglas Music reach back more than 30 years.

Peter first came to Douglas Music while still a student and returned in 2008, with his concert pianist wife, Elaine Burns, to perform a fabulous two-grand-piano concert.

He returns to play a programme of some of the great virtuosos pieces for piano by Alexander Scriabin, Claude Debussy, Nocturnes and a Ballade by Frédéric Chopin, Robert Schumann's variations on the name of one of his pupils, and one of Franz Schubert's last great works.

He comes to Parbold immediately from judging the opening rounds of the Queen Elisabeth International Piano Competition in Brussels.

Peter, born in Manchester in 1953, studied at Chetham's School of Music, Leeds University, the Royal Northern College of Music and then in Paris.

Peter Donohoe

Since his success as joint-winner of the 1982 International Tchaikovsky Competition in Moscow, he has developed a distinguished worldwide career. He is acclaimed as one of the foremost pianists of our time for the "majesty, power and authority" of his interpretations and the "jaw-dropping virtuosity" of his playing. Peter Donohoe was awarded a CBE for services to classical music in 2010.

There are only return tickets for this concert; contact the box office Tel: 01257 498452.

Forthcoming events are the June 2016 Midsummer Festival, which includes the Moscow International Chopin Piano Competition winner, Anna Fedorova, on Saturday, June 18 at 7.45 p.m. On Sunday, June 19 at 7.45 pm. the popular virtuoso violinist, Julian Gregory and a trio of fellow musicians from the BBC Philharmonic Orchestra will take the audience on a whirlwind tour of the world of music from different countries and styles, from folk to classical.

Simon and Garfunkel's rise to fame is featured in show

IT has been 50 years since one of the most successful Folk/Rock Duo of all time recorded their first no1 hit single The Sound of Silence.

Following its West End success at the Leicester Square Theatre, London, The Simon and Garfunkel Story is currently the most successful No 1 International touring theatre show celebrating the lives and career of folk/rock sensation Simon and Garfunkel.

Featuring seasoned West End, leading man Greg Clarke and a full cast of talented actor- musicians, The Simon and Garfunkel Story takes audiences back through the times of the 1960s.

It tells the story of both Paul Simon and Art Garfunkel from their humble beginnings as Rock n Roll duo Tom and Jerry, right through their massive success, dramatic break-up and finishing with a recreation of the 1981 Central Park reformation concert.

The Simon and Garfunkel story is coming to The Southport Theatre

Using a huge projection screen, the show features 1960's photos and film footage while a full live band perform all their hits including Mrs Robinson, Cecilia, Bridge Over Troubled Water, Homeward Bound, Sound of Silence and more.

The Simon and Garfunkel Story 50th Anniversary Celebration can be seen at the Southport Theatre this Saturday (May 7).

Atkinson inviting people to tale about power of friendship

THIS May - as part of the Southport Festival, The Atkinson is inviting people to see a moving tale about the power of friendship.

"Will you be my friend?" All the Little Gentleman wants is a friend… A friend he can sit in the sun with and listen to the birds, A friend to walk with and share his cookies

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The Story of the Little Gentleman can be seen this Saturday (May 7) at 2.30pm at The Atkinson in Southport.

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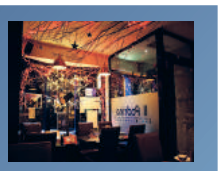

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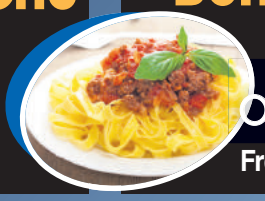

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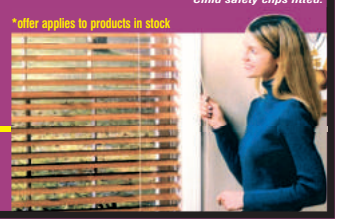
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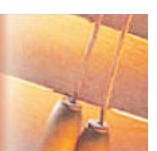
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DEATHS

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Dearly loved wife of the late John, Much loved Mum of Elaine, Martin and Philip, Loving Nana of Hayley, David, Helena, Jonathan, Rachel and Harvey. Great Grandmother of Jackson and Harlow. Funeral Service and Interment at St. Cuthberts Church, Halsall, on Monday 16th May 2016 at 11.00 am. Family flowers only please by request, but donations in memory of Edna, if so desired, for St. Cuthberts Church Spire. Donations and further enquires please to Lisa Hunter, MLS Independent Funeral Directors, 20 Moss Delph Lane, Aughton, Tele. 01695 424888.

KNIGHT REG

25th April 2016

Passed away peacefully in hospital, aged 89 years

Beloved Husband of Irene, a dear Brother-in-law and a much loved Uncle of all his nieces and nephews. Funeral service to take place at Southport Crematorium on Friday 6th May 2016 at 3.20pm. Family flowers only please but donations if so desired to Liverpool Heart and Chest Hospital Charity (LHCH). For further enquiries please contact Hunters Funeral Directors, 128b Burscough Street, Ormskirk L39 2EY. Tel 01695 572997.

CLEMENTSON KENNETH VAUGHAN

Passed away at home peacefully in his sleep

Fondly remembered by all his family. Reunited with his late Wife Patricia. Donations in memory of Ken and Pat are being gratefully received for Multiple Sclerosis Society. Ken is resting at Hunters Funeral Directors. A funeral service for Ken and Pat will take place at West Lancashire Cemetery on Tuesday 10th May at 11.30am. All enquiries to Hunters Funeral Directors. Tel: 01695 572997

DEATHS

ROSENTHAL CATHERINE R.I.P

21st April 2016

Aged 88 years

Dearly loved Wife of the late Louis, much loved Mum of Lou, Mother-in-law to Kate, devoted and loving Nan to Jake. She will be achingly missed by all her family and friends. Service at Southport Crematorium on Tuesday 17th May at 12:40pm. Family flowers only please but if desired donations are being gratefully received for Macmillan Cancer Support. Donations and enquiries to Howard's Funeral Directors, 19a Banastre Road, Southport, PR8 5AW. Telephone: 01704 500086.

PENNINGTON EDNA (Nee McKeating)

26th April 2016

Aged 101 years

Peacefully passed away with her family by her side, devoted Wife of the late Eric Charles Pennington. A much loved Mum and Grandmother who will be sadly missed by all her family and friends. Service at Southport Crematorium on Thursday 5th May at 2:40pm. Family flowers only please but if desired donations are being gratefully received for Salvation Army. Donations and enquiries to Howard's Funeral Directors, 19a Banastre Road, Southport, PR8 5AW. Telephone: 01704 500086.

PILKINGTON JOHN

25th April 2016

Aged 82 years

Much loved Husband of the late Elsie. Caring Dad of Debra, Father-in-law of Ray, loving Grandad of Luke and Owen, dear Brother to June and the late Geoff and Roy. He will be greatly missed by all his family and friends. Service at St John's Parish Church (Birkdale) on Friday 6th May at 11:00am followed by interment at Duke Street Cemetery. Family flowers only please but if desired donations are being gratefully received for Queenscourt Hospice. Donations and enquiries to Howard's Funeral Directors, 19a Banastre Road, Southport, PR8 5AW. Telephone: 01704 500086.

DEATHS

GILYEAT MICHAEL COLIN (Major – RTD)

Friday 29th April 2016.

Aged 58 years, in hospital after a short illness.

Devoted Husband and best friend of Jan, adored Dad of Naomi and the late Michael and Katie, Grandad to James and Kyron. Funeral service at St James' Parish Church, Birkdale on Wednesday 11th May at 12:00 noon followed by private family committal at Southport Crematorium. Family flowers only please but if desired donations may be sent for On Course Foundation. Donations and enquiries to Howard's Funeral Directors, 19a Banastre Road, Southport, PR8 5AW. Telephone: 01704 500086.

CREED RONALD

28th April 2016

Aged 72 years

Devoted Husband of Barbara, much loved Dad of the late Kevin, special Grandad of Charlotte, Calum and Clayton, Great-grandad of Lucas. Funeral Service at Southport Crematorium on Friday 6th May at 2.00 pm. Family flowers only please but if desired donations may be sent for British Heart Foundation. Donations and enquiries to Howard's Funeral Directors, 19a Banastre Road, Southport, PR8 5AW. Telephone: 01704 500086.

MATTHEWS GEORGE KEITH

27th April 2016

Peacefully in hospital after a long illness aged 69 years of Ormskirk

He will be sadly missed by all his family and friends. Funeral service at West Lancashire Crematorium, Pippin Street, Burscough on Friday 6th May 2016 at 10.45am, family flowers only please, donations if desired for the Renal Unit, Aintree Hospital. All enquiries to H Hardman & Co., Independent Family Funeral Directors of Ormskirk, Skelmersdale & Scarisbrick. Tel: 01695 722122/720012

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ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

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The family would like to express sincere thanks to all relatives, the staff and residents of Thomas Henshaw Court, and friends and neighbours for their kind sentiments, cards, flowers and generous donations for RNIB during their recent sad bereavement.

Special thanks to Reverend Martin Abrams for the lovely tribute he gave to Jack and to Derek and team at Howard's Funeral Directors for their caring service.

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MCCANN STAN

6th April 2016

The family of the late Stan McCann wish to thank all family, friends and neighbours for the kindness and sympathy shown to them during their recent sad loss. Also for cards and donations received for British Heart Foundation. Thanks to the staff on the CTU ward in Southport Hospital and to the ladies at MLS Independent Funeral Directors.

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Ann, Tim, Paul and all their families wish to thank everyone for their kind thoughts, cards and donations to Dementia UK received in Debbie's memory. Special thanks to Dr Speed and staff at Cumberland House Surgery for their care and support. Also thanks to Derek and all the staff at Howard's Funeral Directors for their kindness and dignified funeral arrangements.

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(TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF THROUGH TRAFFIC) ORDER 2016

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Lancashire County Council have made an Order under **Section 14(1) (a) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984**, as amended, the effect of which will be to temporarily prohibit traffic on the roads set out in this notice.

1. No person shall cause any motor vehicle to proceed over that length of Tabby's Nook, Newburgh from its junction with Cobbs Brow Lane to the rear of 15 Clovelly Drive, in the Borough of West Lancashire.

2. The prohibition will be operative from 0900 hours on Monday 23rd May 2016 until 1700 hours on Monday 6th June 2016 or until completion of the works within this period.

3. An alternative route for vehicular traffic affected by the closure is via:- A5209 Course Lane - Cobbs Brow Lane - Tabby's Nook and vice versa.

The temporary prohibition is necessary to provide a safe environment for the completion of utility works.

Authority given for this Order to be made:
Laura Padden, Highway Regulation and Inspection Manager
Lancashire Highway Services, 0300 123 6701

[Ref: HRiT/2235/WH]

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LANCASHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL
(BROADHURST LANE, WRIGHTINGTON, WEST LANCASHIRE BOROUGH)
(TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF THROUGH TRAFFIC) ORDER 2016

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Lancashire County Council have made an Order under **Section 14(1) (a) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984**, as amended, the effect of which will be to temporarily prohibit traffic on the roads set out in this notice.

1. No person shall cause any motor vehicle to proceed over that length of Broadhurst Lane, Wrightington from a point adjacent to property number 7 for a distance of 120 metres heading in a southerly direction, in the Borough of West Lancashire.

2. The prohibition will be operative from 0800 hours on Monday 16th May 2016 until 1600 hours on Friday 20th May 2016 or until completion of the works within this period.

3. An alternative route for vehicular traffic affected by the closure is via:- Broadhurst Lane - B5250 Mossy Lea Road - Broadhurst Lane and vice versa.

The temporary prohibition is necessary to allow culvert repair works to be carried out.

Authority given for this Order to be made:
Laura Padden, Highway Regulation and Inspection Manager
Lancashire Highway Services, 0300 123 6701

[Ref: HRiT/2132/TR]

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Planning (Listed Buildings & Conservation Areas) Act 1990 Town and Country Planning (Development Management Procedure) (England) Order 2015 - Article 15

APPLICATION(S) AFFECTING A CONSERVATION AREA / LISTED BUILDING

Application No: 2016/0411/LBC Listed Building Consent - Replace existing metal framed windows with new double glazed painted timber windows and replace existing concrete roof tiles with natural Welsh slate laid to diminishing courses with random widths at Ashurst Hall, Higher Lane, Dalton.

The applications are available for viewing on the Council's website www.westlancs.gov.uk/planning. Alternatively, the application can be viewed during normal office hours at 52 Derby Street, Ormskirk and at 1st Floor, The Concourse, Skelmersdale. If you wish to comment on the proposal you can do so via the Council's web site, by e.mail to plan.apps@westlancs.gov.uk or in writing to Development and Regeneration Services, 52 Derby Street, Ormskirk, but these must be received within 21 days of the date of this notice quoting the application no. Any comments made will be available for public inspection.

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John R Harrison DipEnvP., MRTPI — Dated: 4th May 2016
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(WOOD LANE, GREAT ALTCAR, WEST LANCASHIRE BOROUGH)
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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Lancashire County Council have made an Order under **Section 14(1) (a) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984**, as amended, the effect of which will be to temporarily prohibit traffic on the roads set out in this notice.

1. No person shall cause any motor vehicle to proceed over that length of Wood Lane, Great Altcar from its junction with Rye Moss Lane to Delph Farm, in the Borough West Lancashire.

2. The prohibition will be operative daily between 0800 hours and 1700 hours from Monday 16th May 2016 until Friday 20th May 2016 or until completion of the works within this period.

3. An alternative route for vehicular traffic affected by the closure is via:- B5195 Causeway Lane - B5195 Broad Lane - B5195 Lord Sefton Way - B5195 Altcar Road (Formby) - A565 Formby By Pass (Formby) - A565 Liverpool Road (Ainsdale) - A565 Liverpool Avenue (Ainsdale) - A565 Liverpool Road (Southport) - Halsall Road (Southport) - New Cut Lane (Southport) - New Cut Lane (Halsall) - Gregory Lane (Halsall) - A5147 Halsall Road (Halsall) - A5147 New Street (Halsall) - A5147 Mill Brow (Halsall) - A5147 Southport Road (Downholland) - A5147 Wanisher Lane - A5147 Delf Lane (Downholland) - A5147 Mairscough Lane (Downholland) - B5195 Altcar Lane - B5195 Flatmans Lane and vice versa.

The temporary prohibition is necessary to provide a safe environment for the completion of surface dressing works.

Authority given for this Order to be made:
Laura Padden, Highway Regulation and Inspection Manager
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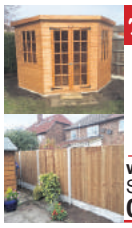

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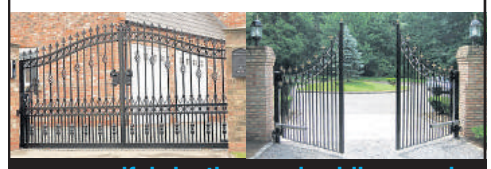

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ALL CARS – from Dacia's Sandero to McLaren's new 570GT – should be limited to a top whack of 90mph. Not my opinion, nor that of some Whitehall bureaucrat, but the man who got me into cars in the first place.

You'd like my dad. He's not, contrary to popular rumour in the motoring world, the John Simister whose prose you'll find running through the pages of Evo, Autocar and Practical Classics. But he is a petrolhead who loves an old Land Rover and would happily scour an autojumble looking for bits to keep it going.

Yet he put it to me only the other day that it's pointless any of today's cars being able to do more than 70mph. Perhaps, after a lot of persuading, he conceded they might have to crack 90mph in some one-in-a-million emergency situation, but no more than that. Not one measly mile an hour. Cars capable of that should be verboten.

Which is, of course, nonsense, and all you need to prove it is a Mitsubishi Lancer Evo VIII FQ-300. It's exactly the sort of car that appeals solely to speed freaks; the name might make it sound like your office's next air conditioning system but it knocks out 300bhp and can hit 60mph in under five seconds. It also looks like a boring Japanese saloon and has an interior with more grey than a wet Monday morning in Manchester, so you're definitely buying it for performance rather than its ability to impress pedestrians.

A mate of mine's got one, and frequently reminds me it can hit 157mph. Impressive, but suggesting he'll actually do that on the Formby bypass is a bit like suggesting I'll go chopping down trees in the Formby pine woods if I buy a top-of-the-range chainsaw.

You can break the law with just about anything if you think creatively enough – but that doesn't mean we should ban pillows, golf clus or copies of Coldplay's more recent albums. The Bugatti Chiron is only as illegal as the squishy bit of mush driving it, and to suggest otherwise is to take a dangerous step into the world of banning things because we *might* do something with them.

Sorry Dad, but my vote's with the FQ-300 and appreciating cars for what they're capable of, not what they're limited to. Providing they're driven at no more than 69.9mph, of course…

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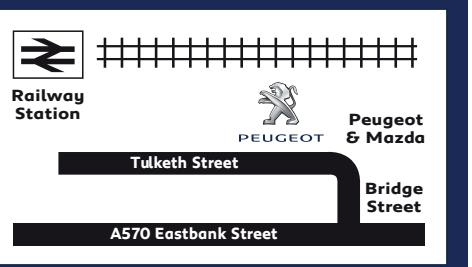

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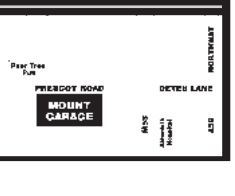

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How Vardy once put two goals past Burscough

By **Neil Leatherbarrow**

LEICESTER City may have won the Premier League title this week, but their top scorer Jamie Vardy used to rub shoulders with Burscough players during his days in non-league football.

It was on Saturday, December 12, 2009 that manager Andy Gray took his Linnets team across the Pennines to play Stocksbridge Park Steels and in the host's line-up was Vardy.

Burscough as a club were in a dark period, and were it not for the actions of the supporters the club would very likely have folded.

Manager Gray saw many of his first choice players leave because of the financial situation and he bravely fielded a team of youngsters along with local hero Ryan Bowen.

Jamie Vardy

On the day they went down 4-1, with Vardy, who is now an England international player, scoring two goals.

He was kept quiet in the second half and was substituted in the 74th minute with the score 3-1.

At the end of the season Vardy moved on to Halifax Town, then via Fleetwood moved onto Leicester in May 2012.

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Play-off semi-final heartache for Linnets

Spennymoor Town 3
Burscough 1

Burscough defend a Spennymoor attack. Picture by David Nelson

BURSCOUGH'S promotion hopes were shattered after losing out in their play-off semi-final.

The Linnets were underdogs going into the game, having finished three places below Spennymoor in the table, but they took an early lead.

The dream start came after only 65 seconds when the ball came into the box from the right, Moors failed to clear it, and Liam Caddick drove the ball past Dan Lowson from ten yards as the defence hesitated.

Burscough were desperately unlucky not to be awarded a penalty four minutes later when Michael Monaghan went down in the box under a challenged by Moors skipper Chris Mason, but the referee waved play on.

The Linnets' flying start continued as they dominated possession but crucially they couldn't get a second goal.

It allowed Spennymoor to get back into the game and they had their first real chance on 25 minutes when Craig Gott floated a free kick over to the far post and Mason headed into the keeper's hands.

However, Burscough always looked dangerous when they attacked, and from one corner, Lowson finger tipped a fierce shot by Elliott Newby over the bar.

The visitors spurned another good chance when Monaghan burst clean through with just Lowson to beat, but he scuffed his shot from ten yards wide.

Spennymoor equilised just before half time with a 25-yard free kick driven into the bottom left hand corner by Gott.

And within 90 seconds of the restart, they were in front, when Liam Henderson crossed deep over to the far post, keeper Calvin Hare could only backpedal and palmed the ball out for Shane Henry to put into the roof of the net. Nathan Fisher nearly made it 3-1 when he turned well inside the area, beat a defender, but Hare blocked at the foot of his near post.

Moors got some breathing space on 69 minutes, when Gott and Henry both had shots charged down, but the ball dropped nicely for sub Gavin Cogdon, who had only been on the field two minutes, to drive firmly past Hare.

It was nearly four right at the end when Cogdon got around the back and set up Risbrough, but somehow Hare managed to keep the ball out.

Lawson already on hunt for new players

SKELMERSDALE United's playing season may have ended last week with the 1-1 draw at Whitby Town but there has been no rest for manager Tommy Lawson and his assistant Brian Richardson, as they tour the North West looking at perspective new players for next season.

Speaking on Saturday morning, Tommy said: "This week is one of our busiest, Brian and myself have received many tips about players in the North-West Counties and local football who we are told will do a job for Skem.

"The Evo-Stik League finished a week or a fortnight before these leagues so we have been out almost every night running the rule over the players. Preparations for next season are also well under way, talking to potential new signings, talking to our own players. If you don't act early in non-league football you miss out on the players you want for next season."

The season does ease back this month, and United will be holding their Presentation Night at the Stormy Corner Social Club on Friday, 13.

There will free entrance on the night, free food and entertainment, besides seeing the players pick up their awards.

It is requested that because it is a free entrance, that it would be helpful for numbers if supporters could indicate whether they intend attending via the club forum.

Ormskirk cruise to victory at Rainford as Burscough make it two wins in two matches

MORE wintry weather threatened to disrupt the Liverpool & District Cricket Competition last weekend, but in the end all our local clubs got a full match as the odd ray of sunshine helped propel the temperature to near on double figures, *writes Glenn Wallworth*.

Ormskirk had a comfortable 8 wicket win at Rainford, 4-20 from Lancashire's Gavin Griffiths and 3-20 from Jamie Barnes helped bowl out the hosts for 92 and in reply, an unbeaten 32 from Andy Baybutt and 31 from Josh Bohannon helped seal victory..

Northern made it two wins from two with a 3 run home win over Birkenhead Park, after the hosts declared on 186-8. In reply, 86 from opener Chris Davies and 29 from Chris Foran was all in vain, as 6-72 from Tom Sephton helped dismiss the visitors for 183.

In the First Division, Maghull were beaten by 4 wickets at Prestatyn, Greg Gillespie (67), Jack Wrigglesworth (53) and Cameron Lawrenson (24) helped Maghull to 223-8 dec, with Gareth Boughey 3-53 and Kieron New 3-55 taking the bowling honours. In reply, 62 from Sampath Perera and 49 from Joe Horton took the hosts to victory on 224-6.

Burscough made it two wins from two with a 4 wicket win at Orrel, Petrus Jeftha (29) top scored for the hosts as they were bowled out for 81, with Navdeep Aujla taking 4-11. In reply, Jon Stone hit 30 as Burscough reached 82-6 to seal victory.

Fleetwood Hesketh had a comfortable 8 wicket home win over Wigan, former New Zealand Test batsman Aaron Redmond (50) and Jake Leyland (40) top scored for the visitors as they were dismissed for 148, with Tommy Wareing 4-10 and Issy Perera 3-51 doing the damage with the ball.

In reply, an unbeaten 3 rd wicket partnership of 117 between Perera (67*) and Lee Bolton (37*) led the hosts to victory.

Southport & Birkdale were beaten by 3 wickets at Highfield where Chris Brownlow (41) top scored for S&B as they were dismissed for 107, with Saud Shakeel taking 5-17. In reply, 4-36 from Jackson Burns wasn't quite enough as the hosts reached 110-7 to seal victory with Joel Welsby unbeaten on 33.

In the Second Division, Southport Trinity were beaten by 88 runs at home by Skelmersdale, Ryan Maloney (54) and Martyn Brierley (49) led the visitors to 171, with Tony Campbell 3-30 and Aussie debutant Shaun O'Neill 3-35 the pick of the bowlers. In reply Shaun Robson top scored with 30 and Campbell hit 20 as the hosts were bowled out for 83, with Danny Edwards taking 6-8 off 7.1 overs.

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